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TUC's "social contract" with the Government was dealt twin blows by unions yesterday. Miners voted to launch a claim for pay rises of up to £20 a week, and the rank and file of the National and Local Government Officers' Association resoundingly reversed their execution decision to call off the London strikes in favour of increased weighting allowances.

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Leaders of the Union of Mineworkers adopted ambitious targets and set in aggressive campaign. The TUC's "social contract" with the Government was brushed aside in debate as pay control, their guise, and deleted unanimously in pursuing a claim for £20 a week, using action if necessary. Noel McGahey, president of the Scottish Miners' Association, said at a conference: "You will get us prepared to go, so let us organize it. Start the campaign."

The resolution argued that the coal industry to be nationalized and demanded a 10 per cent increase in the price of coal. It also demanded a 10 per cent increase in the price of coal. It also demanded a 10 per cent increase in the price of coal.

Mr Miller said: "We are advised that we should content ourselves with holding wage increases down to 10 per cent rise in the cost of living. Our experience has shown us that the cost-of-living index has no basis in reality."

He said there could be substantial rises for miners if they achieved the coal board's target of 120 million tons this year. "I am confident if we can get a productivity deal off the ground these wages can be achieved," Mr Gormley added.

He said he did not regard any wage figure as sacred. "They might prove dangerous because they could become the maximum as well as the minimum. If production targets were not reached, people might stop trusting the miners. We have to show the public we can be trusted."

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Trade deficit soars to record £481m

By Melvyn Westlake
Economics Staff

Britain's overseas trade position deteriorated sharply last month, with the deficit of £481m between imports and exports reversing the trend that appeared to be developing in April. The most alarming fact, however, is that non-oil imports were wholly responsible for the deterioration. Indeed, the oil import bill actually decreased slightly.

The City responded to the publication of the figures yesterday with dismay. Shares and government bonds fell on the Stock Exchange and sterling weakened by half a cent against the dollar on the foreign exchange. It closed at \$2,391.2, slightly above its worst level of the day.

The deficit, the worst on record, was 190m greater than in the previous month. But a surplus of £103m on invisible transactions reduces it to £378m, and it is arguable that May will prove to be no more than an aberration.

The strong surge in exports, which has been apparent since almost the beginning of the year, tapered off sharply in May. They rose just £2m to £1,778m, imports, on the other hand, rose £92m to £1,759m.

The evidence generally suggests, however, that resources are increasingly being diverted into exports, which at present are more profitable than home sales. In the three months to the end of May, exports were 18 per cent higher than in the previous three months.

If domestic demand continues to flag, as is widely expected, industry will have to step up overseas business still more in order to maintain output.

Also while non-oil imports increased by only 9 per cent in the three months to the end of May, the oil import bill climbed 64 per cent during the same period. It is accepted by the governments of most industrialized countries that the oil import deficit cannot be reduced in the short term without hitting neighbours and must be financed by borrowing.

The main goal of Treasury and trade ministers is to eliminate that part of the deficit not attributable to the quadrupling of oil prices last winter. Over the March-May period the non-oil deficit was running at an annual rate of about £1,700m.

That shows a fair improvement on the £2,500m being recorded in the previous three months but to both these figures must be added the cost of oil that would have been bought at pre-October prices. The visible deficit has, in fact, been running at an annual rate of some £5,000m—unthinkable two years ago.

But, more cheerfully for the Government, there are several indications that the growth of imports may start to dwindle soon. The lower level of domestic consumption is already leading to less demand for finished manufactures from overseas.

The big increase in imports has been in basic materials, chemicals and other semi-manufactures, which may in part represent stockbuilding following the rundown that occurred during three-day working.

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Action begins in the World Cup in Frankfurt. Pereira (right), of Brazil, and Muzinic, of Yugoslavia, make the first moves in the first match. The game ended without score.

World Cup terrorists are held

Frankfurt, June 13.—With armed police patrols around the stadium, two helicopters overhead and a guard in every sixth street, the 1974 World Cup competition finals began today amid the strictest security a sporting event has known.

In an explosion of cheers, Brazil's holder, and Yugoslavia met in the first of 38 games involving 16 nations which will end at Munich on July 8. Today's match ended in a goalless draw.

Bonn, June 13.—West German police said today they had broken up a group of Palestinian extremists planning attacks during the World Cup.

Hours before the championship started, police arrested five people, including two Arab students connected with the Palestinian group.

Security throughout the country was redoubled after the Palestinian plot was disclosed. In Heidelberg, where one student was arrested, armed police searched all last night and were still seeking another Palestinian student.

The second student was arrested in Saarbrücken and police said they had evidence he was a member of the group which planned to attack the Israel Embassy in Bonn, Israel airlines and a World Cup stadium.

The three other people arrested were not identified, but police said they were connected with another group planning similar attacks. In Hamburg, two Arabs, one carrying a membership card of the Al Fatah guerrilla organization, were put on an aircraft for the Middle East after illegally entering West Germany.—Reuter.

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Labour increase lead over Tories to 12%

The climate of public opinion continues to appear favourable for the Labour Party and is responsible for the Conservatives, according to the latest survey for *The Times*, carried out by Opinion Research Centre.

There is also evidence in the survey of a distinctly ambivalent and critical attitude to their party's leadership among Conservative supporters.

Labour has maintained its relatively secure lead over the Conservatives during the past month. Among committed voters, Labour's advantage now stands at 12 per cent. Nor is there any clear sign, so far, that the Liberal beachhead has started to contract since the election.

Figures in the accompanying tables are percentages.

Most Conservative voters expressed satisfaction with their party's policies, but a considerable minority qualify that by saying their party has "good policies but bad leaders". Conservatives are also much more critical than Labour supporters of the leadership given to the country by senior members of their party. Much of the criticism appears to be directed at Mr Heath. Although two Conservative supporters out of three are confident that Mr Heath would do a good job as Prime Minister if he were re-elected, when asked directly nearly half feel it would be "a good thing" if Mr Heath were replaced as leader of the Conservative Party.

Mr Wilson's standing is much

more assured, both among his own party's supporters and among the electorate as a whole. Six voters out of 10 believe the Prime Minister is doing a good job of running the country, and only a third believe he should be replaced as leader of the Labour Party. That is in marked contrast to the 64 per cent majority of voters who feel Mr Heath should be replaced as Conservative leader, and the 55 per cent majority who believe he would do a bad job if re-elected to serve as prime minister. Among his own party's supporters Mrs Wilson's standing is understandably even higher. Nine out of 10 believe that he is doing a good job as Prime Minister.

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Whitelaw job for Mr Prior in reshuffle

By Our Political Staff
Mr Heath last night announced a reshuffle of his frontbench spokesmen after the appointment of Mr Whitelaw as Conservative Party chairman.

Lord Carrington, the previous chairman, remains a member of the Conservative leader's advisory committee and will carry out special duties for Mr Heath. The first will be to organize information about Britain in the European Community.

Mr Maurice Macmillan, a former Cabinet minister in the Conservative Administration, is

to return to the back benches with what is described as the mutual agreement of himself and Mr Heath. Mr Prior, who was formerly frontbench spokesman for home affairs, has been made responsible for employment in succession to Mr Whitelaw. Sir Keith Joseph will assume responsibility for home affairs.

The appointments are: Home Affairs: Sir Keith Joseph (56). Employment: Mr James Prior (52). Agriculture: Mr Francis Pym (52). Mr Michael Joplin (43). Treasury: Mr David Howell (38) to assist Mr Robert Carr.

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London weighting battle reopens

Local government in London over an increase in their weighting are to continue. An motion at National Government Officers' (NAGO) conference yesterday reversed the decision of 226,260 voters.

The resolution was carried on a show of hands. There was uproar when a card vote was demanded and only when many members of the executive stood in support were the necessary requisites for one heard.

Last month the employers' side of the national joint council refused to enter into negotiations on NAGO's national claim for an increase in pay of a fifth.

Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, urged unions to unite

behind the "social contract" with the Government when he spoke at the conference (our Labour Staff writes). He got an ovation at the end.

He outlined the TUC's proposal that unions should limit claims to maintaining living standards and said he thought it was right to ask individual unions to bear in mind their obligations to the movement as a whole as well as to their own members.

He acknowledged that injustices and anomalies in pay had put a severe strain on parts of the public service and hindered the recruitment of essential workers. "We can expect government action on the more acute problems to begin to be more effective before very long," he said.

The conference adjourned until today.

Wilson seeks powers to appoint more ministers

By Our Political Staff
Government is to introduce a Bill today to allow the Prime Minister to increase the number of ministers. It will be the Commons next week.

The purpose is to allow the Prime Minister to appoint more ministers to the Northern Office because of the increase in the power-sharing of the Northern Office by Westminster. The appointments are expected to be made next week.

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Cheers for Prince's maiden speech to a packed House of Lords

By Our Parliamentary Staff
The Prince of Wales, making his maiden speech in the House of Lords yesterday, called for better coordination of leisure facilities to meet the challenge of "removing the dead hand of boredom and frustration from mankind."

He was speaking to a packed House in a debate, initiated by Lord Cobham, chairman of the Outward Bound Trust, on the reports from the Lords Select Committee on Sport and Leisure.

In a 16-minute speech briskly delivered and containing several humorous passages, the Prince was often cheered. He spoke from the cross-benches and seated on his right was his cousin, the Duke of Kent, and in front of him Lord Snowdon.

The Prince said the fact that the debate was taking place at all indicated that there was a difficulty regarding recreation. There was inevitably a danger of telling people how their leisure time should be spent. That was not the objective. But if leisure time was employed anti-socially by some people it was worth trying to encourage more healthy pastimes. One way must be the provision of better and more planned facilities.

loud cheers, saying: "This report must awaken us to the challenge of removing the dead hand of boredom and frustration from mankind. If it can be done it can be done in Britain."

The Prince had begun his speech by saying he had discovered it was about a hundred years since a member of his family had spoken in the House. On an earlier occasion three dukes had taken part in a debate and getting up one after the other, had attacked each other so vehemently that the House was shocked into silence. Amid laughter, he said he would not use the same tactics on his cousin today.

After the Prince had sat down, Lord Shepherd, Lord Privy Seal, said that in all his experience he could not recall a speech of such character, so beautifully delivered.

Among those in the packed public gallery was Miss Laura Jo Watkins, the daughter of an American admiral and a friend of the Prince. After his speech, she left with Mrs Walter Anneoberg, wife of the American Ambassador.

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Arab terrorists and three women die in kibbutz battle

From Moshe Brilliant
Tel Aviv, June 13

Three women, including a visitor from New Zealand, died today in a gun battle with Arab terrorists in Shamir, a kibbutz in the Huleh basin. The band of four Arabs was wiped out by members of the settlement before military or police forces could get into action.

The bloodshed was the first since the massacre of school-children by Arab Terrorists in Maalot on May 15. There have been a series of infiltrations by murder squads, but army sources here said they were all killed, captured or forced back into Lebanon before they could do mischief.

Lieutenant-General Mordechai Gur, the Chief of Staff, said today's infiltrators carried leaflets showing that they had been ordered to seize a building, take hostages and then bargain for the release of 100 Palestinian terrorists held in Israel jails. They belonged to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command, which is led by Mr Ahmad Yabari.

The men wore civilian clothes and looked like hippies. They had long hair held down by headbands. Big coats draped over their shoulders concealed their weapons and they carried civvies-type knives. Their arms, according to the settlers, included a bazooka, grenade launchers, Kalashnikov sub-machineguns and explosives.

They appeared suddenly through the tall pine trees near the communal swimming pool at the edge of the settlement at about 6.30 am and seemed to be heading towards the children's home. They attracted the attention of two men near the mess hall and apparently realising that they were under suspicion, they opened fire. One man was injured but the other reached the mess hall and sounded the alarm.

The terrorists fled in the direction of the apiray at the northern end of the settlement. They killed Miss Judy Sinton, aged 22, from Auckland, New Zealand, who was working as a volunteer in the settlement. There were conflicting reports of how and when she was killed. Women and children were sent to underground shelters and the men picked up their guns and pursued the Arabs.

Among those who rushed out of the mess hall with a weapon in hand was Mr Udi Tzur, a reserve paratrooper major. He took up a position near a hut and

fired at the Arabs, hitting two of them. One was apparently killed outright and the other crawled under a tractor. He later died in an explosion. It is not clear whether he was himself up or whether the explosives he was carrying were hit by Israeli fire.

The two others reached the warehouse of the apiray, a substantial concrete structure. Armed Israeli soldiers surrounded the building. Knowing that Shoshana Galilee, aged 60, and Edna Mor, aged 30, were inside, the Israelis held their fire.

An Arabic-speaking member of the kibbutz addressed the terrorists through a loud hailer, asking them not to harm the women and to state what they wanted. They were offered safe passage to the Lebanese border four miles away if they surrendered. They did not respond.

There was an exchange of fire and some grenade explosions were heard from the building. Finally there was a big explosion followed by absolute silence. Soldiers who had been nearby arrived at the scene burst into the wrecked building. They found the bodies of the two women, shot through the head and chest, and the remains of the two Arabs.

General Gur said the terrorists had apparently infiltrated from the Hermon area of Lebanon. The men carried maps, marking four targets apart from Shamir. It was not clear whether they were to attack all the targets or had been given options.

The general paid warm tribute to the settlers who, he said, had done the job without waiting for the army. "If terrorists were not to enter settlements, we would know they'll meet armed men ready to use their weapons and take risks, their own readiness and darings will diminish."

Damascus: The Palestinian guerrillas blew themselves up with their Israeli hostages, according to a spokesman for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, General Command.

He said the guerrillas ended the drama when the Israelis failed to meet their deadline for freeing the guerrillas, including Kozo Okamoto, jailed for his part in the 1972 attack on Tel Aviv's Lod airport. The attack, he added, was timed to coincide with President Nixon's visit to the Middle East and to protest against the trend among Arab states towards a negotiated Middle East peace settlement.

Army takes over in Yemen

Cairo, June 13.—The general command of the Yemeni army forces has formed a seven-man council, headed by Colonel Ibrahim al-Hamdi, to take over power in the Yemen Arab Republic, the Middle East News Agency reported tonight.

Mr Hassan Alakki formed a new Government in Yemen in March last year.—Reuter.

Price sisters transfer

The Price sisters are likely to be transferred to a prison in Northern Ireland by the end of this year, Mr Jenkins, the Home Secretary said in a parliamentary written reply yesterday to Lord Brockway.

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HOME NEWS

Time for politicians to tell truth about inflation—Mr Thorpe

By John Groser Political Staff

Accepting that inflation was the chief trouble in the economies of all nations, Mr Thorpe, the Liberal leader, last night suggested that honesty in politics would begin if politicians tried to tell the truth.

have a distinctive and positive approach. I do not believe that we can wish away our difficulties by pretending they do not exist, as Mr Healey would have us do. Neither do I believe that we can pretend any longer to have instant cures.

Army finds another Orange hall cache

From Robert Fisk Dublin

The Army yesterday found another cache of arms, the third in two days, inside a Belfast Orange hall, and again the discovery was followed by statements of surprise from Orange Order leaders.

The caretaker of the Shankill Road Orange Lodge raided by the Army on Wednesday appeared in a Belfast court yesterday charged with having 11 rifles, 21 hand guns and other weapons in his possession, and was released on £5,000 bail.



A British soldier demonstrating a steel crossbow found, with other weapons, in Orange Lodge halls in Protestant areas of Belfast.

order should consider leaving it. "One discovery in one Orange lodge might be 'brilliant', the paper said. "Two on the same day should be enough to leave a minister of the Christian religion with not much margin for decision."

long speech in his constituency of Dun Laoghaire in which he said that one of the principal reasons for violence was "the defence of abstract, legalistic or constitutional definitions".

Gas board system 'fell short', jury says

From Our Correspondent Gloucester

A coroner's jury at Coleford, Gloucestershire, yesterday recommended that the South West Gas Board should review its method of dealing with emergency communications.

Mrs Isabel Baker, aged 54, her son, Kevin, aged 14, and daughter, Theresa, aged 27, died on May 9 when their cottage at Clemons, Bnd, Coleford, exploded. It was not connected to the gas supply.

Poll: Mr Wilson ad to his support

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Minister and 69 per cent oppose his replacement by a new party leader.

Q. Do you think Mr Heath would do a good or a bad job as prime minister?

Overall impressions of the Government's performance in office are still generally favourable. However, more voters have opted to vote for the Conservative Party than for the Labour Party.

Q. On the whole do you think the Government is doing a good or a bad job of running the country?

There is little consensus which Labour politicians assume the leadership party among the small of Labour voters who Mr Wilson should be Conservative and Labour voters who would like new Labour leader.

Q. Do you think it would be a good or a bad thing if Mr Wilson were to be replaced by somebody else of the Labour Party?

Among the 49 per cent of Conservative voters who Mr Heath should retain leadership of the Conservative Party, nearly half (20 per cent) say they would prefer Whitlaw leading the Conservative Party and 10 per cent Mr Powell.

Mr Powell is favoured by 23 per cent of Labour voters (19 per cent) as a leader to Mr Heath. Labour voters and the first preference with Mr Wilson's preference of voters.

Liberals' dispute settled

From John Chartres Liverpool

The dispute in Liverpool between two leading national figures in the Liberal Party appears to have been resolved. Councillor Cyril Carr, former party chairman and leader of the group on the new city council, was asked to resign last week by his colleague, Councillor Trevor Jones, former party president.

in all political parties, but there is no longer any question of a rift. "I have enjoyed working with Councillor Jones in the past and I am very pleased that we have been able to get together again. I am pleased, too, that my group has agreed to work in unity under my leadership. I believe we have solved this matter in a truly Liberal spirit."

Crosland rates statement ridiculed

By Christopher Warman

Mr Graham Page, former Minister for Local Government, yesterday dismissed as "absolute nonsense" a statement by Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, that one of the reasons some people had had huge rate increases this year was the "immensely costly" reorganisation of local government.

Mr Page said he accepted that there had been great difficulties about the rates this year because of inflation, but rejected Mr Crosland's argument, made in a speech to the National and Local Government Officers' Association conference on Wednesday that the causes of the increases were "all inherited from the outgoing government."

the financing of local government. Another pressure group, the Union of Ratepayers' Associations, wants to see Mr Crosland and intends to organise a national petition.

Civil servants resent delay in salary rise

By Maurice Götina

Although the Prime Minister has just received a confidential report suggesting salary rises of up to £300 a year, senior civil servants within Whitehall are expressing resentment that a review of their salaries is being unfairly delayed.

Q. Which politician would you like to see leading the country as prime minister in the present difficulties facing Britain?

Q. Which of the following statements comes closest to your own view of the Conservative Party?

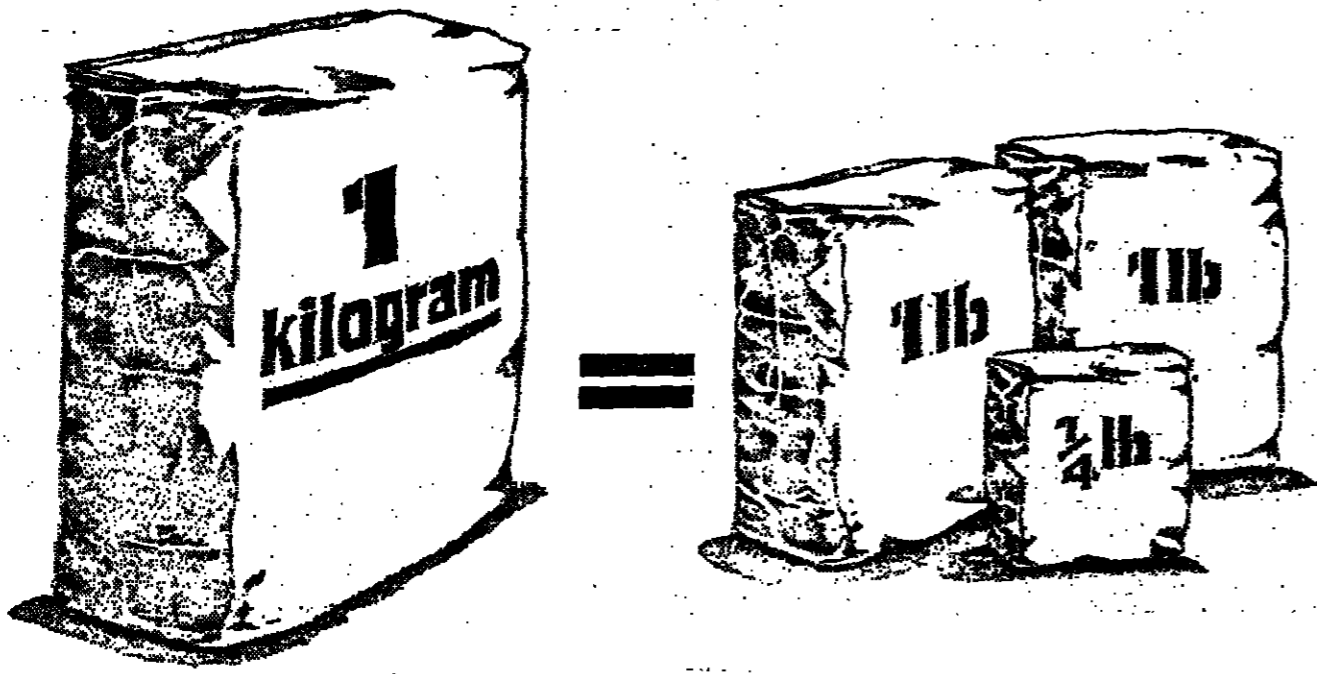
Swine fever scare

Pigs are being slaughtered throughout Lancashire after outbreaks of suspected swine fever or foot-and-mouth disease. The whole county has been made a controlled area.

Foolhardy children

Children who caused the explosion of a cylinder of propane gas in a scrap yard at Bulwell, Nottingham, might easily have been killed, a police officer said yesterday.

Weighing up the kilogram.



One kilogram weighs about 2 1/4 lbs.

Virtually every country in the world is metric, or, like Britain, is changing to metric now. Under the metric system the kilogram is used for measuring weight. It is pronounced 'killo-gram'.



been sold in metric sizes for some time, and most of the bathroom scales you can buy show dual marking. Where to get more information. More information is available from your local Trading Standards Officer or Consumer Protection Officer (Inspector of Weights and Measures), from your Citizens' Advice Bureau or your local Women's Institute or Rural Community Council.

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Call for select committee on Concorde fails

By Our Political Staff

The Government has rejected a proposal from backbench Labour MPs for a Common select committee to study the Concorde project. Mr Short, Leader of the House, said yesterday that there had already been much debate and that Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, had produced a paper on the Concorde.

The decision, in effect to accept Mr Benn's statistics, has convinced many MPs that the Government means to allow the Concord to die after the initial contracts for two aircraft for British Airways and two for Air France have been completed.

The British Aircraft Corporation, which builds the Concorde in Britain, has enlisted the support of MPs in demanding that published figures must be challenged. Backbench MPs who favour the Concorde believe sales will take off when the aircraft is in service.

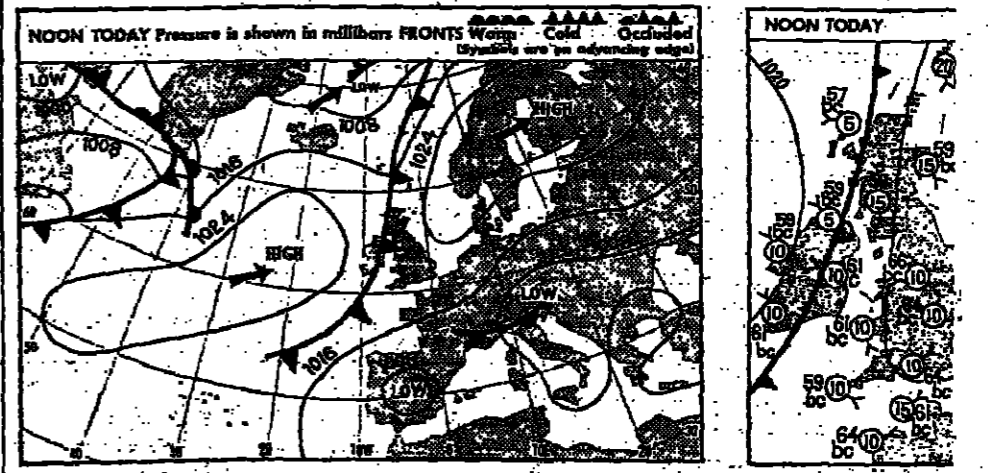
Widow, 85, fights attacker as lodger dies

A bachelor aged 52 died yesterday after being stabbed at the Swansea home where he was a lodger. Mrs Mary Francis, a widow, aged 85, the landlady, was detained in hospital with facial injuries after she had fought the killers at Gore Terrace.

Theft from corpse alleged

Patrick Anthony Ryan, aged 42, of North Luron Place, Cardiff, and two children, aged 10 and 12, were remanded on bail until July 1 by Cardiff magistrates yesterday charged with opening a grave on May 30 and stealing rings from a body and metal fittings from a coffin.

Weather forecast and recordings



Today

Sun rises: 4.43 am. Moon rises: 2.45 pm. New Moon: June 20. Lighting up: 9.43 pm to 4.13 am. High Water: London Bridge, 5.53 am, 6.0m (19.6ft); 8.5 pm, 5.5m (18.2ft).

Wedding girl better

Miss Mayis Floyd, aged 27, of Seaford Road, Westcliff, Essex, who as Terry Floyd, married in 1970, has recovered after being found unconscious on a railway embankment near her home.

Clay Cross bon

Manual workers of council at Clay Cross, yesterday end time has been 2.19.74. The survey was deli week because difficulties.

Tables for weather recordings, including 'Yesterday' (London: Temp: max 20°C (68°F); min 7°C (45°F)), 'At the resorts' (Sun Bath: 14.2, 14.2, 14.2), 'E COAST' (Brighton: 14.2, 14.2, 14.2), and 'W COAST' (Bristol: 14.2, 14.2, 14.2).

ME NEWS

Health Service crumbling as cash shortage forces cuts, family doctors say

Roper
Reporters
doctors yesterday gave up that the National Health Service is crumbling because of rapidly falling standards and imminent cuts caused by the shortage of money to maintain services. At a conference of local committees representing general practitioners, doctors were making their views known after their first involvement in health finance as members of area health authorities district management teams.

Arthur, a member of area health services, said: "We are not a crisis, we are in a September emergency to the health service. It is being totally spent. I said the public told of the alarming signs from the doctors' use of their own pay but on vocational and because of their pride in medical work."

Loden, a Kent member committee, said that at times doctors were in a race to lift the lid on their finances, and what was found beneath was a number of a district committee, he had said that the dreadful of money available. Government did its

budgeting it put up the cost of various items by perhaps 6 per cent whereas the cost had risen by 30 to 50 per cent. The Government could not see that the Health Service was crumbling about its ears.

Dr R. W. Smith, of Woodford, who proposed a motion on the issue taken as a matter of urgency, said that all the information they had would spell disaster for the health service unless more money was provided.

His area authority had a provisional allocation of £18m to meet all revenue costs this year. Unless that was revised there would be an estimated shortfall on community health services of £460,000, on school health services of £170,000, and on family practitioner committee administration of £10,000.

As an immediate measure his authority had ruled that there would be no implementation of developments in 1974-75 without a 10 per cent increase in extra staff; staff vacancies existing for more than three months would not be filled; and goods and services would be restricted to the 1973-74 levels. The government's 10 per cent cut in expenditure and after planning for expected price rises.

But, he said, increases in the price of fuel, oil, telephones, clothing, books and other necessities continued. Further in his area was that the hospital service alone would probably be about £230,000 short. That could not be met by economies

and the cuts that would have to be made would be equivalent to closing a medium-sized hospital.

Dr D. A. Richardson, St Albans, said that at a recent meeting of his area authority it was made clear that the authority would not be able to maintain at the same level the services with which it was entrusted on April 1, when the reorganized health service began. The service, he added, was a political sham.

The 350 delegates unanimously passed a motion deploring the limitation on health service expenditure, and the consequent lower standard of care, and asked the Government to present the facts publicly and take any necessary steps in the interests of patients and the health service.

Angry telegram: Conference delegates sent a telegram to Mr Wilson and Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, expressing anger at the Government's failure to publish the Halsbury report on doctors' and dentists' pay before the conference (the Press Association reports). The Government is thought to have had the report for nearly a month.

The British Medical Journal said in a leading article yesterday that "frustration over pay, expenses, and working conditions among doctors is now near flashpoint." Doctors and others in the health professions had been at fault for letting things slide.



Flight Lieutenant Rex Paice, nicknamed "the Red Baron", marked his posting away from the RAF Officer Cadet Training Unit, Henlow, Bedfordshire, by driving through the passing-out parade yesterday, in his Messerschmitt car. Passing-out parade, page 18.

Risk of 'Belfast horrors' in wrong planning

By Tony Aldous
The "horrors of Belfast" might well occur in other United Kingdom cities if planners failed to pay enough heed to people's need for satisfying and secure lives and environments.

Professor Graham Ashworth, President of the Royal Town Planning Institute said yesterday. He was delivering the main address at the institute's diamond jubilee conference in London.

He noted efforts already made to map the disturbing phenomenon known as "alienation". "We may need to do so much

more carefully and fundamentally if the horrors of Belfast are not to be seen repeated in other major cities of the UK, where sectarianism may be absent but "alienation" is just as real.

Professor Ashworth argued that planning had too long meant development in the public understanding. It was rarely seen as a safeguard of basic needs. But in an age of energy shortfall and serious doubts about supplies of natural resources, the profession needed a new planning philosophy. Whatever the true facts about future resources, the present

shortages were a good justification for making "a shift of emphasis from exploitation to conservation".

He called for a "rethink in every planning office" with planners reexamining all their precepts to see where they were based on unlimited availability of natural resources. They should then begin to recast their plans to maximize renewable resources.

Professor Ashworth was challenged by Mr R. H. Bell, a delegate from Northern Ireland, who accused him of seeking, like Conute, to "stem the tide of

progress". Some other delegates accepted the thesis of conservation planning, but found it difficult to reconcile in practice with improving the lot of the disadvantaged.

Opening the conference, Mr Croxall, Secretary of State for the Environment, said that in dealing with the urgent problems of the great cities workable plans produced quickly were better than sophisticated plans later. He believed public opinion was looking to central and local government for a more positive approach to control of the environment.

Call for judges to be 'warned off fashion'

The Lord Chancellor should warn off judges and magistrates "from any more incursions into the world of fashion", the *New Law Journal* said yesterday.

A girl clerk employed by solicitors recently entered a Crown Court wearing a black sweater and brown slacks. The male judge stopped proceedings because there was a "person in court improperly dressed", and the girl was obliged to leave.

The *New Law Journal* asks what might have happened if the young lady had decided not to leave the courtroom.

It says that any judge who rebuked a witness because of his or her clothes was leaving the ambit of what was properly a matter for the court and entering the extraordinary world of what was fashionable, or acceptable. Once a judge did that, his path was fraught with danger. He should not intervene unless the person's apparel was indecent or manifestly disrespectful.

"Certainly slacks and trouser suits are perfectly normal wear for women today", the journal adds, "and any judge who doubts it is an ass."

Oxford college plea
Oxford University in Congregation on June 18 is to be asked to give an opportunity to debate the establishment of a new college to accommodate senior members awaiting fellowships.

Police seeks witnesses in murder case

Police for assistance from older and Otterburn was made at Hexham Court, Northumberland, yesterday by a defence when three men were charged for trial charged with the murder of Lieutenant Campbell Stevenson, aged 53, in front of his house on April 8. The restrictions have been lifted.

Mr O'Connell, aged 40, an officer, of Sulgrave Road, on, co Durham; Robert Douglas, 34, of Newar Kane, aged 34, porter, of Stapleton Road; and Barry Reid, an amputee, a party of Brierly Gardens, were committed for charge of murdering Stevenson.

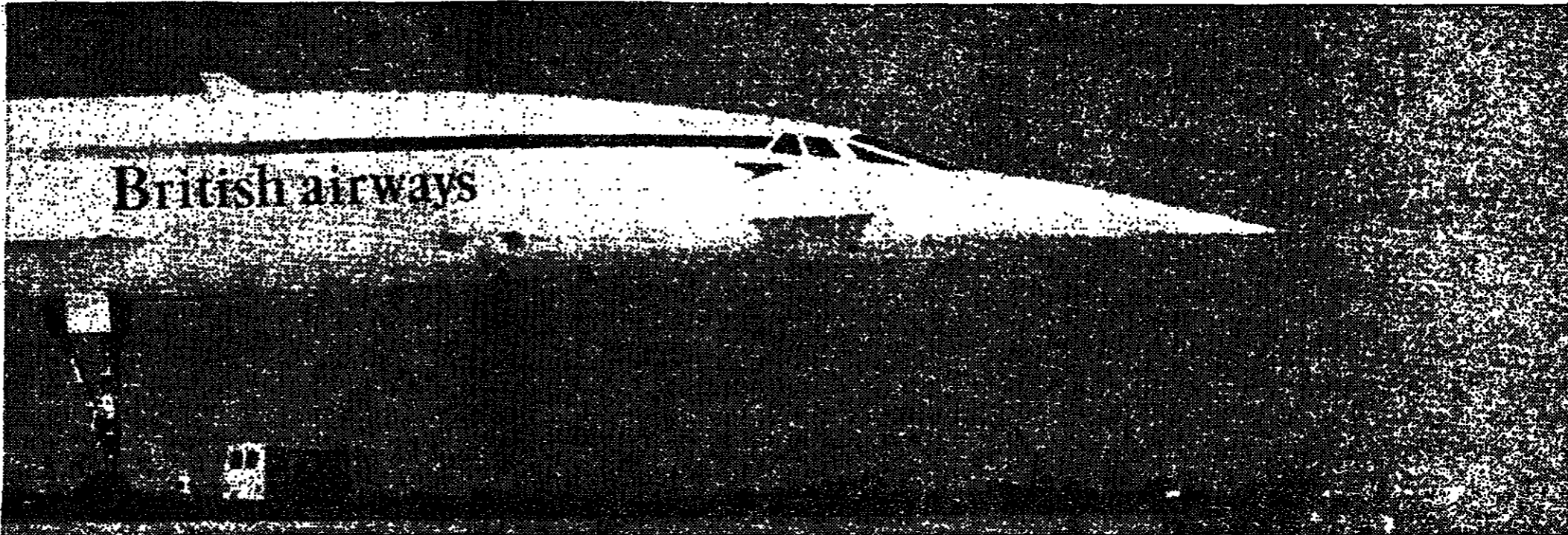
O'Connell was also committed for charges of attempted murder. Det Inspector Burn, aged 42, and Det. Sgt. W. W. W. outside the Percy Arms, Otterburn, where he and Reid were employed.

Additionally, Mr O'Connell was committed for trial on a charge of sending letters threatening to kill Lieutenant-Colonel Kenneth Gregson of Catterick Camp, who was in charge of recruiting in Northumberland.

Mr Kevin Souter, for the defence of Mr Reid, said that one purpose in asking for reporting restrictions to be lifted (on April 16) was to seek the assistance of the press in tracing possible witnesses.

First was a group of Belgian soldiers at the camp immediately before the incident, some of whom were in the Otterburn working-men's club, the Otterburn Tower Hotel or the Percy Arms on the night before this incident he said. They were now undoubtedly in their home country. If the press gave publicity to the case they might come forward.

The defence wanted to interview also a group of people who had seen Mr Reid on a social basis, during the six weeks immediately before the shooting, and others in Otterburn and Newar Kane, where he had been in or around the two hotels and the club on the evening before the crime.



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Living by son

Correspondent
A young man, aged 22, said to have a personality, inflicted a fatal catalogue of injuries on his baby son, causing death after only eight days. The alleged father was arrested yesterday.

The boy's son's crying and agonized on his mother's lap, and the ribs, he was said to be in the police.

The boy, a former hospital patient, was held for four years and found guilty to manslaughter.

In brief

King Edwards reprieved
Gardeners and allotment holders will not, after all, be deprived of growing King Edward potatoes next year (our Agricultural Correspondent writes). Removal of the ban was announced in a Commons written reply yesterday by Mr Peart, Minister of Agriculture. It was reported before the general election because of an EEC directive against war, disease, to which the King Edward is not immune. Farmers, with an obligation to report the disease, were to be allowed to grow it, private gardeners not.

10 demand engage mailers

Correspondent
Ten of teenage black-old the parents of a girl to pay £5,000 if they do not hear her play the piano. It was alleged at Crown Court yesterday.

Mr Jones, aged 17, of 14, of Lady Francis Drive; Kelvin Pexid 14, of Lady Francis Drive; and Gary Glenton, of School Walk, all pleaded guilty to the charge of menacing £5,000 with menaces. Mr Glenton both admitted further charges of menacing to murder the girl, 15, Smith.

Mr Jones and Glenton had training and Pexman detention centre for three years. Judge Cotton ordered reporting restrictions on juveniles should not be lifted. He described the three as mean, vicious

Prince admits speeding
The case of Prince Michael of Kent, of Cheyne Gardens, Chelsea, who pleaded guilty by letter to exceeding the 50 mph limit at Forest Hill, near Oxford, on May 2, was adjourned until July 4 by magistrates at Bullingdon, Oxford, yesterday, so that he could attend.

£25,000 book thefts
Anthony Fairfax, aged 24, of College Road, Norwich, an archaeology student, who stole about 500 rare books, valued at £25,000, was sentenced at the Central Criminal Court yesterday to 18 months imprisonment.

Tunnel speed study
Uncomfortable pressure change in tunnels when high-speed trains pass is being studied by Leeds University for British Rail aimed at minimizing speed restrictions for fast new trains.

Leak investigation
Two factory inspectors yesterday began an official investigation at British Steel Corporation's chemical plant at Bristol, closed on Wednesday by Mr Benn, Secretary for Industry, because of a vapour leak.

25 years ago
From The Times of Tuesday, June 14, 1949

Reserve sovereigns
A small coinage of not more than 100,000 sovereigns is being undertaken by the Royal Mint in order that it can preserve the inherited knowledge and craftsmanship of gold coining, which requires a different technique from coining in other methods, and greater precision in workmanship.

The coins will be struck from existing dies and will consequently not be distinguishable in date or design from earlier issues of the same type to time for the same purpose.

University autonomy
University autonomy is discussed by Sir Kenneth Berrill, *The Times Higher Education Supplement*. There are three of student opinion on philosophy books, and plans for and polytechnics, and of academic jobs.

HOME NEWS

Householder accused of killing an intruder with sword

Richard Fountain, aged 41, a former naval officer, was accused at West London Magistrates' Court yesterday of murdering an intruder at his home with an ornamental sword.

Wife of PC tells of row after accusation

Mrs Jennifer Buttolph, wife of Police Constable Robert Buttolph described at Norwich Crown Court yesterday the quarrel she had with her husband when he returned home after allegedly raping a dancer.

Challenge over EEC rules on fishing

Mr John Gibson, a Scottish skipper, is challenging the Government's right to incorporate into the law of Scotland legislation and regulations of the EEC affecting fishing limits.

Constable finds

Previously unknown correspondence between Constable, the painter, and his associates and family will be published by the Suffolk Records Society for next year's bicentenary of his birth.

Ramblers' protest

The Ramblers' Association, which has 30,000 members, told Mr Howell, Minister of State (Sport), yesterday that it strongly opposes a recommendation by a Lords select committee to cut public paths.

Demand for inquiry on psychiatric hospital staffing

Members of the Confederation of Health Service Employees yesterday called on the Government to appoint a royal commission to examine overcrowding and understaffing of doctors and nurses in psychiatric hospitals.



Miss Chantal Deschamps, aged 21, from France, at Covent Garden market yesterday to launch a promotion campaign for Breton artichokes.

Eggs, meat expected to cost less

The glut of eggs after the sudden resumption of supplies from Northern Ireland has brought retail prices tumbling. Prices for a dozen will be between 5p and 6p less this week.

Food prices

Patricia Tisdall

Shops have seriously retarded the growth of green vegetables. However, there has been a little easing in tomato prices as increased shipments arrive from Holland and Romania.

Man in casino case said to be a psychopath

Martin Fenton, a businessman, was a psychopath within the meaning of the Mental Health Act on the night he shot dead four people, Dr David Sims, a psychiatrist, told the court yesterday.

Growth in A-level success rate begins to taper off

The colleges added another 20 per cent to A-level successes obtained by leavers, compared with 10 per cent in 1971-72. Nearly six leavers out of every 10 are taking public examinations and only 1 per cent, or 4,000, of 645,000 leavers in 1971-72 failed to achieve any examination success.

WEST EUROPE

French regard Giscard austerity plan as mild but firms more critical

From Charles Hargrove Paris, June 13 The dose of austerity announced by the Government yesterday came as no surprise. In fact, Frenchmen expected it would be sharper, believing that the increase in income tax and petrol prices would be higher.

At the same time, the general impression is that the Government has not shown a great deal of imagination in applying all the classic measures of taxation, credit control, and budgetary policy. There is some questioning as to how effective they will prove six or nine months later.

Against this policy of high cost of living and austerity, the anti-social measures it involves, and the taxation of wage earners - although Le Figaro points out that only 1,500,000 taxpayers out of 4.1m are affected by the new increases. Any real explosion of inflation is not likely until the autumn, after the holidays when pockets are empty.

Several critics, and not only on the left, point out that the austerity measures do little about prices. M. Giscard d'Estaing obviously does not believe in a policy which could not be enforced anyway, and has gambled entirely on reducing demand.

Nato fears paring of defence spending

From Roger Berthou Brussels, June 13 The Labour Government have a tough time with partners if it fulfils its pledge to trim "severe defence budget". The size of an exercise was sized when defence in the ten Nato member the Eurogroup met in today.

The country in the today, however, was the Nato, whose coalition Government a similar goal. After sombre warlike consequences from N-ary committee and a earlier this week in Mr. James Schlesinger, United States Defence Secretary, have pledged to cut troops during the negotiations.

Army chief 'not told of dismissal'

From Our Correspondent Madrid, June 13 Lieutenant-General Manuel Diaz-Alegría Gutierrez, chief of the Spanish high command, flew into Madrid this afternoon from what he called an "authorized" visit to Romania.

out. Later I tried to speak to him but I could not get through. He was not certain whether he would go to Guatemala later this month at the invitation of the Guatemalan Defence Minister to attend the inauguration of President Garcia. As for his immediate plans, the general said with a smile: "I am going to the country this evening."

the opinion of fell since his appointment military chief in moderating influence the attitudes of men who favour more liberal policies. "But" (Palanca) of the Civil War and Se War days have been socially to advise extremist groups, which are being replaced by the fact that the military establishment with opposition figures. The re is some concern liberal Spaniards motives for the dismissal general. They fear it will be replaced by a wing man.

Kirk plan to widen EEC MPs' power

From George Clark Political Correspondent Strasbourg, June 13 - A plan to disempower individual members of the European Commission, who may be responsible for policy failures, and a proposal to bring foreign policy and defence issues clearly within the scope of the European Parliament's activities was put forward in a document drawn up by Mr Peter Kirk, the leader of the Conservative delegation.

He suggests that the president of the Council of Ministers should answer to questions on political cooperation in Parliament and to answer debates. Parliament should hold an annual debate on political cooperation. It should also be allowed to put forward "initiative reports" on particular political issues to be considered by the foreign ministers and for reports to be made back to Parliament.

the expenditure on the House of Commons. It should be responsible for the policy implications of the Commission. Reports should be associated with public hearings. All the reforms could be undertaken in the terms of the present Mr Kirk dismisses that any enlargement can take place only as direct elections meet.

Leprosy victim was admitted

An East African suffering from one of the most infectious forms of leprosy, admitted into Britain because he had a British passport, died 10 months later. Six children who have lived in the same house as Mr Deveran Kanani, aged 53, of Meadow Court, Preston, Lancashire, are being kept under observation by tropical disease specialists, an inquest at Preston was told.

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OVERSEAS

Support growing in Senate for motion of confidence in Dr Kissinger's integrity

From Fred Emery Washington, June 13 Dr Kissinger's future was the object of continuing high concern here today. Support grew in the Senate for a good will resolution declaring that the Secretary of State's integrity and veracity are above reproach.

But even as the number of co-sponsors reached 47 out of the 100 senators, reports reached here from Cairo speculating that Dr Kissinger was out of favour with Mr Nixon's entourage.

The Washington Star-News reported a number of instances of friction between Dr Kissinger and Mr Nixon's advisers. It says there can be little doubt that the President did not welcome Dr Kissinger's emotional outburst in Salzburg on the eve of his triumph. The Washington Post reported a fierce debate within the President's entourage regarding the wisdom and effect of the Salzburg press conference.

The action in the Senate has been instigated by Senator James Allen, a Democrat, of Alabama. So far only seven of the 17 members of the Senate foreign relations committee to whom Dr Kissinger has appealed to clear his name have signed. Another potential problem for Dr Kissinger lies in the civil suits being filed against him personally in court here by his former staff whose telephones were tapped. Yesterday two more former members of the National Security Council staff brought actions alleging the wiretapping violated their constitutional rights.

Dr Morton Halperin began the process; yesterday Mr Anthony Lake and Mr Richard Moose, for the past three years a senior consultant for the Senate foreign relations committee, followed suit. Mr Moose then asked to withdraw his suit, at least temporarily, on the grounds that Senator Fulbright, the committee chairman, felt such litigation inappropriate while the committee's review of Dr Kissinger was pending.

Dr Kissinger holds that the wiretapping, however illegal, was legal. He invokes the

practice of past administrations and the prevailing state of the law. The plaintiffs hold that even on the official version the action was illegal.

The Supreme Court has ruled so far only that the Government must have court warrants for all wiretapping in the area of domestic concern. There were no warrants in this affair; but the controversy lies in whether warrants are required for so-called "national security" cases.

Dr Kissinger has admitted that some of those on his staff had had their telephones tapped because they "had adverse information in their security files". This seems to point to suspicion of their political affiliations, and not that they were leaking information.

Mr Marvin Kalb, Diplomatic Correspondent of CBS news (and one of those tapped) has suggested that Dr Kissinger might be trying to provoke the President's departure.

This theory, which he cited rather than embraced, was that the resignation threat is serious and that Dr Kissinger knows once he goes the President will not be long behind.



President Nixon watches a bellydancing performance by Souhair Zaki, at the Kubbah Palace, during his visit to Cairo. His appreciation is shared by Dr Henry Kissinger, on his right, President Sadat and Mrs Nixon.

Alexandrians hail Mr Nixon as envoy of peace

From Paul Martin Alexandria, June 13

Egypt's second city opened its doors to President Nixon today as he arrived to a thunderous welcome on the second day of his visit to Egypt.

To a chorus of ships' horns in the harbour and chants of "Nixon, Nixon" the American President drove through the city in an open car.

With President Sadat at his side, Mr Nixon had earlier caught his first glimpse of the Nile Delta in a 130-mile whistle-stop train journey during which he was again given the sort of public welcome afforded only to the closest of allies.

After the procession of 100 cars had made its way through the centre of the Mediterranean

city, the two leaders again immersed themselves in wide-ranging discussions on the future of the Middle East.

Earlier they had agreed that further bilateral talks were necessary before a full Geneva peace conference. President Sadat also said he wanted prior talks with his "Arab colleagues" and added that at present there was no prospect of direct talks with Israel.

Since the visit began both sides have placed great emphasis on further development of their blossoming relations. Elak said it was the intention of the United States to set out to lay a foundation of economic growth in reconstruction, industrialization, agriculture and education.

On the other aspect of the talks, that of working out a "just and lasting" peace in the Middle East, the American President has been less explicit. However, President Sadat has continued to emphasize that a lasting peace can be achieved only through a solution of the Palestine problem. This has become the main part of Egypt's stand in the talks.

The state-controlled Egyptian press has begun to express growing hopes that the Nixon visit will achieve positive results. However, it is made clear that the principal aim is to cement American-Egyptian relations and reinforce Egypt's faith in America's ability to find a solution to the Middle East problem.

As much was made clear by President Sadat in a two-way press discussion today when he declared that the principal contribution he expected from America was to "keep up the momentum".

President Nixon's arrival in Alexandria, Egypt's favoured city in summer, was no less impressive than his capture of Cairo yesterday. If anything, today's welcome had an added stamp of sincerity. Traditionally aloof from Cairo, the people of Alexandria showed that they were not to be outdone when it came to making Mr Nixon feel at home.

The familiar slogans adorned the presidential route from the Side Gaber station.

Writers urge governments to allow wider contacts

By Richard Davy

Seventeen distinguished writers have appealed to the 35 governments which are now negotiating at the Geneva Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe. The conference is virtually deadlocked because of failure to agree on proposals for the freer movement of people and information between East and West Europe.

The Soviet Union claims that Western proposals would lead to interference in its internal affairs. The writers reject this and call for "general acceptance of the principle that security and cooperation in Europe require respect of human rights and lowering of barriers which have for so long artificially divided this continent".

The signatories are Heinrich Böll, Friedrich Dürrenmatt, Pierre Emmanuel, Günter Grass, Graham Greene, Eugène Ionesco, Leszek Kolakowski, Siegfried Lenz, Liary McCarty, Norval Moller, Arthur Miller, Harold Pinter, Denis de Rougemont, John Updike, Vercoors, Per Wastberg, and Angus Wilson. They say that the conference

"offers a great opportunity for concrete improvements in human and cultural contacts in Europe and for bringing to a much higher level all aspects of social and intellectual communication between the 35 countries attending".

The appeal goes on: "It is our firm belief that no lasting security in Europe may be achieved without due respect being paid to all governments to the right of individuals, and without more intensive unrestricted exchanges in the sphere of culture, information and human contacts".

The writers appeal to the conference to codify in a specific treaty, and to recommend to the 35 foreign ministers in Helsinki last year.

These provide, among other things, for improved contacts between people, students, workers, persons of professional reasons; promotion of meetings of young people; freer and wider dissemination of information of all kinds; and promotion of fuller knowledge of, and access to, achievements in literature, art and other fields of cultural activity.

President's defence counsel taken ill

From Fred Emery Washington, June 13

Mr J. Fred Buzhardt, President Nixon's defence counsel with prime responsibility for the White House tapes, had an apparent heart attack early today. He was reported by a suburban Virginia hospital to be in "serious condition".

A White House spokesman, announcing that the President had been informed in the Middle East, said Mr Buzhardt was resting comfortably and in stable, if serious, condition.

His colleague, Mr St Clair, has tried to present a legal brief in the President's defence to the House judiciary committee impeachment inquiry. This is reported to have been rejected, which stated that it was rejected as against the rules of procedure, at least at this stage. By the chairman, Congressman Peter Rodino. Mr Rodino was said to be incensed over Mr St Clair's attempted intervention. The committee is winding up its closed sessions. It is reported to be satisfied there are no grounds for impeachment in the issue of Mr Nixon improperly "impounding" Congressionally appropriated funds.

The committee is concerned over the allegation that Mr Nixon used government agencies against his enemies. Amid the protests the White House is trying to whip up over leaks of information, travel restrictions from committee members—the committee is said to be considering making public the bulk of its evidence to date. This would come within a week or so, as the committee decides to sit in public and reach a decision on what witnesses to call.

Supreme Court opposes recall for Watergate

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, June 13

Chief Justice Warren Burger of the Supreme Court has apparently taken slight umbrage at the suggestion that he and his eight colleagues might forgo their three-month summer recess because of Watergate.

Senator Mike Mansfield, the Senate majority leader, had expressed concern lest emergency legal matters might be left in a vacuum. The Chief Justice answered: "The justices are always available".

He added that while in recess, all nine worked hard reviewing petitions and briefs, handling emergencies, and trying to find time for "study, research and reflection on the legal problems of our time". They were lucky, if they got four weeks holiday, the Chief Justice said, concluding his rejoinder by inviting Mr Mansfield to tea.

Burmese leader has talks in Singapore

Singapore, June 13—President Ne Win of Burma arrived here today for a three-day visit, during which he will have talks with Mr Lee, the Singapore Prime Minister. He has visited Indonesia, Malaysia, Australia and New Zealand.—Reuter.

The not-so-gentle rain from heaven...

New York.—In the past two decades, the acidity of rain falling on the eastern United States and Europe has increased by between 100 and 1,000 times the normal levels, two ecologists have found.

The two scientists are Dr Gene E. Likens, an aquatic ecologist at Cornell University and Dr F. Herbert Bormann, a forestry ecologist at Yale University.

They say that the acid rain may be stunting the growth of forests and farm crops and accelerating the rate of corrosion in man-made structures.

Much of the increased acidity can be traced, they say, to the increasing use of anti-pollution devices that make many smoke stacks appear no longer to be emitting smoke. The devices, which remove only visible par-

A nation inured to war resigns itself to an unending conflict marked by death, poverty and hunger Vietnam despair after 100,000 casualties

From Victoria Britain Saigon, June 13

Over 100,000 South Vietnamese have been killed, wounded or reported missing since the Paris agreement last year and 65,000 communist soldiers have died, according to the South Vietnamese military command.

The anniversary on Saturday of the second ceasefire coincides with an increase in the scale of the fighting to the point where a battle has been raging for four weeks 25 miles north of Saigon with the two sides using elements of two and three divisions, tanks, heavy artillery, and, respectively, continuous airstrikes and anti-aircraft fire.

A year ago, after the second ceasefire, fighting dropped to a level which has since been reported by the command every day and the incidents were usually company-sized attacks on outposts with few casualties. Within a month the number of violations each day had risen to roughly the same level as now, but the numbers of soldiers involved in any incident, and the casualties reported, never went above battalion size until the late summer.

The fall of the Le Minh Rang base in western Pleiku in late September last year to a communist force of several battalions supported by tanks, was the beginning of intensified fighting which has culminated in the heavy fighting of the last month round Ben Cat. There at least 20 communist tanks have been brought into the battle for the razed village of An Dien (now controlled by the Government) and two more miles to the north. The South Vietnamese are stunned by the erosion of world concern about their survival, and shocked by the recent publication of the story of the birth of the Paris agreement in Far East Affairs showing how little the Americans cared about what terms they saddled the South Vietnamese with when they left Vietnam. President Thieu is more realistic than his people, and, in a recent public speech, emphasized that South Vietnam is already fighting alone at the level of an offensive and is likely to have to do so to the last bullet so far as the Americans are concerned.

On orders from the President the Army is economizing considerably on fuel and ammunition but on an operation like the Ben Cat one, which involves getting communist troops out of a tunnel network which even the Americans could not unpick, shows their disadvantages.

Last week the general commanding the operation congratulated the soldiers holding An Dien, saying they were the American B52 bombers of today. With casualties of 100 dead and 1,000 wounded among them, several consecutive days and heavy loads of soldiers following their officers' funerals through the streets of Saigon every day it is precisely the absence of the soldiers' bodies that are jobless now, and desperate.

In the countryside farm yields are dropping because people cannot afford fertilizer, and attempts to increase the area cultivated are falling because the remaining land is maintained women and children from landmines.

The most significant change in the country since the second ceasefire is that people now expect no end to the war. A year ago, young soldiers in the provinces would say eagerly that they had heard on the BBC that there were to be meetings of field commanders of the two sides and between them ceasefire lines would be drawn. But those hopes vanished many months ago, and no one in South Vietnam doubts that President Thieu means what he has said so many times and repeated at Thu Duc last week—there will be no elections, no coalition government, no delimitation of zones of control; and that there is no Third Force nor any communist Provisional Revolutionary Government, but only North Vietnamese troops temporarily and illegally occupying parts of South Vietnam.

Given that, the war goes on, and people have reverted to seeing the killing and wounding of soldiers and the economic despair of civilians, as the normal price paid by any country at war. No one ever talks now of a future beyond the war—they have accepted a state of mind which admits no future.

After the ceasefire and before the present economic crisis really bit, the Government was hoping for a partial demobilization. This hope has gone and the million-man Army remains as a crippling burden on the economy.

The inflation of 70 per cent in the past year has become the soldiers' greatest burden. In the provinces militia posts are often under strength or even unmanned a good deal of the

for lowering the output of sulphur dioxide—the chief contributor to acid rain—has been switched to fuels that contain less sulphur to begin with. This method led to a decline of about 50 per cent in sulphur dioxide emissions in major cities in the 1960s.

However, according to a report by Dr John F. Finkle, director of the National Environmental Research Centre, this improvement has been more than offset by rapidly growing industrialization of regions away from major cities that are burning sulphur bearing fuels.

He mentioned laboratory experiments in which acids equivalent to today's average rain were sprayed on growing trees with the result that pine needles grew to only half their normal length.

New York Times News Service.

time while the soldiers do whatever may be a few piasras.

In spite of some attempts to grow their own vegetables, and even raise pigs or chickens, for the average soldier the only food is rice. Meanwhile the economic conditions of their families, particularly those who live in Saigon or other towns, provide an additional grain on morale.

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OAU ag to meet Portuguese Minister

Mogadishu, Somalia, June 13.—The Organization for African Unity (OAU) is to meet Dr Mario Soares, Portuguese Foreign Minister, to discuss the future of African territories.

An OAU spokesman said Soares's request for an OAU spokesman to meet with Mr Nro Cameroun, the OAU General, was accepted for foreign minister for the OAU summit was expected to be held in Addis Ababa last week.

Dr Soares had a chance to explain views on ending the sal wars in Angola, and Portuguese Guine Bissau and on independence.

Portugal's new rulers have made attempts to contract with a financial aid to guerrilla movements, the outbreak peace negotiations in Lisbon and guerrilla movements in the (discussed the bond between Ethiopia and the problem was behind closed door OAU's eight-member committee. This was set up to try to issue at the OAU Addis Ababa last week.

Ethiopia is high about the OAU's OAU is not empowered on such a matter. The work done by offices committee been bilateral contact Ethiopia and Somalia issue, but the two remained deadlocked sources said.—AP

Algeria, June 13.—pledged his country's support shortly before here for talks today African nationalist movement.

In an interview Algerian Government paper ElMoudjahid also warned South Africa to intervene in Lisbon affairs.

Rhodesia Bishop says has the Pope's support

From Our Correspondent Salisbury, June 13

Mgr Donald Lamont, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Umtali, has answered accusations levelled at him by a Catholic Lay organization, the Chichester Club, who asked the Pope to recall him.

The bishop, who this week returned from America, said that the Pope was aware of his anti-government stand in Rhodesia. He had seen the Pope in Rome last November and "he gave me full approbation. He was very pleased with the work I was doing and asked me to continue with it".

The Chichester Club had condemned Bishop Lamont for reportedly telling a press conference in New York that Africans in Rhodesia lived under a reign of terror comparable to Nazi Germany. The bishop, saying he had been misquoted, said that his remark in fact had been that the ideology of racial superiority in Rhodesia did not differ in essence from that in Nazi Germany.

The Pope had told him, he added, that unless the church spoke up as the voiceless and denoted, it would lose its voice. A statement by Lestor, Minister of Foreign Office in the Government has pending evidence in Rhodesia by the bishop had been challenged by zation in Salisbury.

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Lonely—yet she can't even look out of the window.

Ruby lives in a damp basement room. Poor health keeps her there much of the time. Yet all she can see from her lonely window is the blank wall of the basement wall. There is no bath. Is it any wonder that Ruby's isolation makes her feel forgotten and near despair?

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If you have something to be thankful for, please join in putting a happy smile on another despairing face. Because of loans available to Help the Aged every £2 you give provides £40 of help.

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Sheer royal plea: Minister urge moderate pay deals

MR STANLEY (Northampton) urged the House of Commons to support a moderate pay deal...

Local users should be encouraged to provide for their own needs... Mr Stanley said that the Government should not be too hard on the unions...

Regarding England, I would have thought (he said) that the present Minister for Sport, could be expected to have a wide range of ideas...

Buildings like schools, which were empty for a substantial part of the year were basically wasted... Mr Stanley said that the Government should consider the possibility of using these buildings for other purposes...

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Next Week... Business in the House of Commons will be: Monday: Motion on the State of the Nation...

Parliament... The Government will be asked to support a moderate pay deal...

More positive spirit among EEC ministers... The Commission endorsed the recommendations addressed to it in the resolution...

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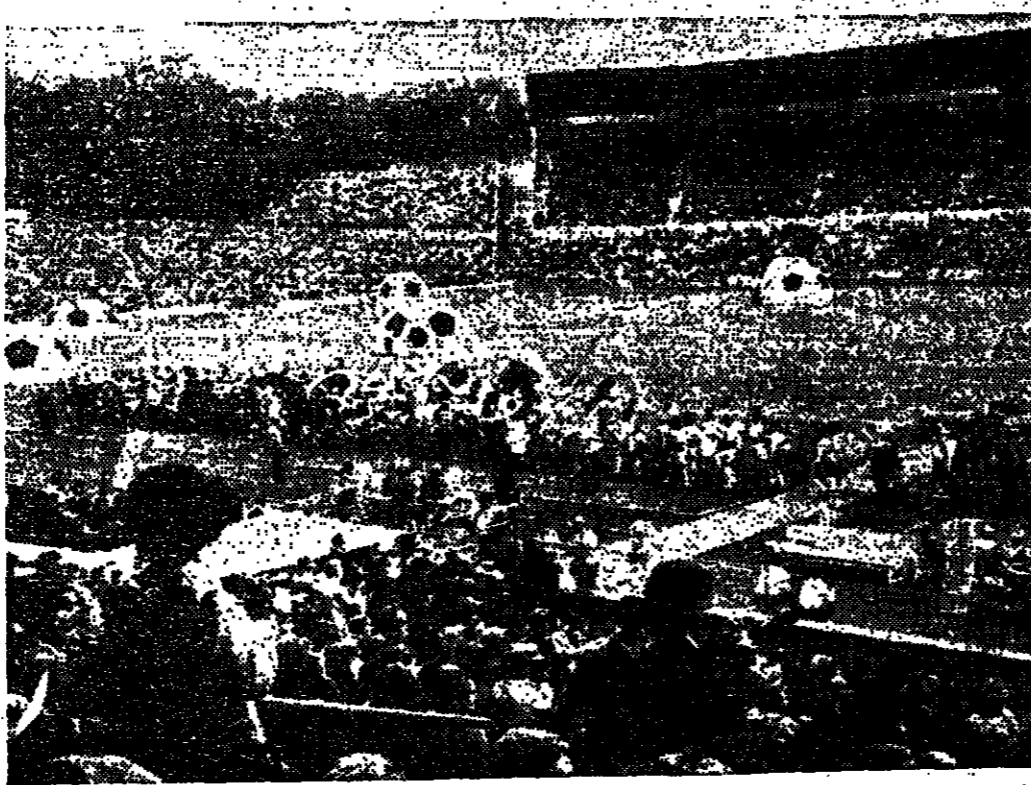
SPORT

Scotland to be spurred by local criticism

Dortmund, June 13.—Scotland go into tomorrow in the World Cup here to borrow night and their frustration following a week of bitter criticism by the local press...

Skirl of the pipes stirs the nations

From Geoffrey Green Football Correspondent Frankfurt, June 13 Under weeping skies the tenth World Cup at last kicked off in the Wald Stadium...



The scene during yesterday's opening ceremony at the Wald Stadium.

There was something rather fine about them. All the while, rain slanted down and in due course fell, immaculate in a white tropical suit...

World trophy. In the middle of the field they embraced holding their baubles to the company, a meeting of the old and the new prizes...

and friendship would result, called upon Dr Heineemann, the president of the Federal Republic of Germany...

Few explosive moments but Yugoslavia miss chances

From Geoffrey Green Frankfurt, June 13 Yugoslavia 0 West and the stage cleared, it was at precisely five o'clock that the polo-dot ball was put in play...

make other people work and keep their heads down. They have this lazy knack, but now there were precious few sudden changes of pace...

got his foot there first, the ball went past the far post by a whisker. Twice earlier Maric had to make diving saves to Valdomiro and Francisco Marinha...

With the flags limp and the rain of early evening bringing out the umbrellas to make the stadium look like a huge bank of black microdots...

Overath replaces Netzer in West German side

West Berlin, June 13.—West Germany's European champions set out to prove themselves the best in the world here tomorrow when they open their World Cup programme...

Private detective between East Germany and goal

Hamburg, June 13.—Even Australia's football coach, Rens Kasic, concedes that it would be "marvellous" if his team managed to hold East Germany to a draw in their first World Cup game...

Two of Haiti's key men are fit again

Munich, June 13.—Haiti's World Cup squad heard good news today when Henri Francillon and Wilner Evans were cleared to play...

Today's matches

- Group one West Germany v Chile (Berlin, 4 P.M.), E. Germany v Australia (Hamburg, 7.30) Scotland v Zaire (Dortmund, 7.30) Anderson joins QPR Stan Anderson, the former Middlebrough and England wing half, who has just returned from a managerial job in Greece...

Rugby Union

Lions are suddenly feeling a bit under the weather Johannesburg, June 13.—Willie John McBride, the British Lions captain, has played a crowded Lions camp with a stomach upset and sick bay with a stomach upset and sick bay with a stomach upset...

Yachting

Maury increases overall lead in Finn class Kiel, June 12.—The French Olympic gold medal winner Serge Maury, increased his overall lead in the Finn Dinghy class by winning one race and finishing second in another...

Golf Fazio hands back to Winged Foot the strokes technology removed

From Herb Weinberg Mamaroneck, June 12 With play now in the early rounds of the United States Open at Winged Foot, the 150 professional club members and their strategies determined by their psycho-analysis of the course made during the three practice days...

technology, has removed. Hundreds of trees were strategically placed; the course runs longer, almost 7,000 yards, and sand traps are placed in front of greens...

Table with 3 columns: Hole, Yards, Par. Rows 1-18 showing hole distances and par values.

Robson equals record with father's clubs

Playing with a set of clubs he borrowed from his father, Keith Robson equalled the course record of 65 to lead the Coca-Cola young professionals' golf championship at Long Ashton, Bristol, yesterday.

Echo of a United States final at Porthcawl

By Peter Ryde Golf Correspondent The links of Royal Porthcawl, South Wales, were bathed in sunshine and, fanned by a gentle breeze, will this morning echo the final of the United States Amateur Championship for women...

Card of course

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Gorman's touch too subtle for Collins

Tour Gorman, of the United States, dismissed the last home survivor from the men's singles in the tournament...

Solomon's patience p... Nastase out of gear

From Rex Bellamy Tennis Correspondent Paris, June 13 The French tennis champion without conceding a set, was beaten by Harold Solomon of Maryland, aged 21, in the quarter-final round here today...

Card of course

Table with 3 columns: Hole, Yards, Par. Rows 1-18 showing hole distances and par values.

Rugby League

New moves in camera Brisbane, June 13.—Jim Challinor, the Great Britain Rugby League coach, today threatened to resign over the new moves and the training over the time being...

Asterisk overall leader after her second win

By a Special Correspondent Passing Gilmour Manuel's Tarka on the final heat, Asterisk, crewed by Peter Lloyd, Peter Humbley and Peter Evans, won the fifth race of the Dragon Edinburgh Cup series...

Yasalde injury

Sunderland, June 13.—Yasalde, the Argentinean, was injured in a match against Newcastle on Saturday...

McCracken

McCracken, Whitehaven and Clonowry forward, is a member of the League club at E3...

Squash racket

Crusaders: (left) J. Johnson, (right) J. Johnson, (right) J. Johnson...

ear pointer to Silky's chances Queen Mary Stakes

Phillips aspondent... foot as far as Messrs van Cussen, Carson, Hurn and Mercer were concerned. In the Kingsclere Stakes...

After he had supervised the saddling of Auction Ring, Hurn... She burst into a world of her own...

Valley may another successful trip

Racing Correspondent... of the hard going last fields for the Yorkshire Stakes...

York programme

- 2.15 GUY FAWKES STAKES (2-y-o £1,027: 6f)... 2.45 DICK TURPIN STAKES (2-y-o fillies £1,034: 5f)...

York selections

By Our Northern Correspondent... 2.15 Shine On. 2.45 Orleigh. 3.15 AVON VALLEY is specially recommended...

Newbury results

2.0 POLAR BEST HANDICAP (554)... 2.15 DICK TURPIN STAKES (2-y-o fillies £1,034: 5f)...

Beverly

2.30 BRANTFORTHAM HANDICAP... 2.45 GUY FAWKES STAKES (2-y-o £1,027: 6f)...



James Young (left) ridden by William Carson, wins the Summer Cup at Newbury yesterday.

After racing had finished no fewer than 47 horses worked on the racecourse, a glowing tribute if ever there was one to the racecourse manager and his staff...

Sandown Park programme

- 2.0 WATERLOO HANDICAP (5590: 7f)... 2.30 JUNE PLATE (2-y-o fillies £690: 5f)...

Sandown Park selections

By Our Racing Correspondent... 2.0 False. 2.30 Manikin. 3.0 Tussock. 3.30 Tudor Crown. 4.0 Nevermore...

Great Yarmouth

2.15 BURGESS HANDICAP (528)... 2.30 BRANTFORTHAM HANDICAP...

Cricket Reaction follows Test setback

By Alan Gibson... The Indian touring team, with all their second innings wickets in hand, are 71 runs behind Oxford and Cambridge...

Home ties for Lancashire and Leicestershire

By John Woodcock... Lancashire and Leicestershire were meant to reach the semi-final round of the Benson and Hedges Cup...

Watts gives up leadership

Jim Watts will retire as Northamptonshire captain at the end of the season...

Today's cricket

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITIES: First innings... Lancashire v Somerset (at Old Trafford)...

Horse show Britain pick three for world title event

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris... Alison Davies, runner-up to Ann Moore in the women's European championship at St Gall in 1971...

Motor racing Shadow team secure Pryce's services

The struggle to secure the services of the talented young Welshman, Tom Pryce, as a grand prix driver...

A race to test endurance of its 300,000 spectators

From John Blunden... At 4.0 on Saturday the French tricolour will be unfurled to start the longest, most publicized and possibly the most boring sports car race...

Rifle shooting

RISLEY: Small bore miniature 40 shots at 30 metres... Baseline: Small bore miniature 40 shots at 30 metres...

Majid decides to join Pakistanis

The Pakistan all-rounder, Majid Khan, has agreed to join the cricket party now in England...

There are five newcomers to England in the party

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ENTERTAINMENTS

OPERA AND BALLET
COVENT GARDEN, 200 1911, The Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2E 9JF.

THEATRES
OPEN SPACE, 500 4970, From 8.15 to 11.15, The Shrew, Covent Garden.

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THE ARTS

Steven Spielberg's flying circus

The Sugarland Express (aa) Ritz
An Investigation of Murder (x) Rialto
I'm Jumping Over Puddles Again (u) Paris Pullman

The dependence of Hollywood film-makers on the automobile chase as an inevitable plot device has become a symptom of imaginative poverty.

Two years ago, when he was twenty-five and a graduate from television series drama, he made Duel, an escalating allegory about the murderous and motiveless antagonism of two vehicles, a small car and a huge, dirty, fume-emitting truck whose driver was never seen.

It is based, apparently, on a real-life event in which a man, Duane, an escalating allegory about the murderous and motiveless antagonism of two vehicles, a small car and a huge, dirty, fume-emitting truck whose driver was never seen.



Goldie Hawn in 'The Sugarland Express'

unsympathetic characters are the police sharpshooters and some marauding hunters with stickers in their cars saying "Register Commies, not guns". As the vehicles in Duel dehumanized men, so do the wrongs here be shielded in a Capra parable this fund of good will would eventually have won through to effect a happy end.

Der Rosenkavalier

Covent Garden

William Mann

In December, 1950, Kleiber made his postwar Covent Garden, co Richard Strauss's Der Rosenkavalier and giving it opera company its first directorial greatness.

The special merits of Kleiber's reading are a light touch. The other pace of the production is an indicator of Kleiber's intentions. Der Rosenkavalier is an opera of vitality: the moments of music surely owe his training as a stien example was the Mar repeat of the "I was a" "initiated" s like the sigh in the voice as she recog moment of truth: she cast two days before, feared the big climax underplayed. It is not having almost vanial Hoffnung's Mailest) i music desk, build) the mourning emotion arriving promptly at the end of the production. R nesch's outpouring of

I should mention the duets, in the second Octavian and Sophie. ("Wo war ich schon exquiescent flexible an so that I could be Mi Teresa Calvi come a "Mit ihren Augen" declaration of love, sung. Kleiber's touzavie music is detect violin glissandi in the conducto refuses to apply stica. When th time has its apotheosis of the second act its going, and the melo twice as handsome. The orchestra of Capra covered glory, recognizing a doctor. Miss Cahill's pretty enough to dev especially in her r pure of "Quinquin glee at the p maning and inde care and nourish Bastia gave us an Ochs, young and app rather too coarse l smusing, his Germ able and rustic Austriac dialect notes faint or missin a positive characteri was Carlos Kleiber's may he return soon

David Robinson

Bolshoi Ballet

Coliseum

John Percival

With pickets outside the front of the theatre throughout the performance, uniformed guards at every door, and barricades in front of the side boxes to prevent anyone from running on stage, the Bolshoi Ballet's opening night passed off with only one interruption. That came during the Spanish dance in Act III when a mysterious object in the dress circle suddenly started buzzing and the spectators in adjacent boxes came to their feet with only one exception. The dancer during the Spanish dance in Act III when a mysterious object in the dress circle suddenly started buzzing and the spectators in adjacent boxes came to their feet with only one exception.

Preconceived opinions on a company as famous as the Bolshoi run to extremes. The profession outside have one (their cries of "Shame" as we left were chilling); most of the audience obviously thought the performance must be marvellous because of the company's reputation. A more reasonable judgment must be that the company is still one of the best, but has come quite a way downhill since its first visit to London in 1955.

Richard Green

The White House

Tapes

A public reading of the White House tapes will be given at the Royal Court Theatre on Sunday evening at 3 pm on June 16. The reading will consist of selected scenes from the recorded presidential conversations submitted to the Impartial Committee of the United States Congress.

Under the direction of Sam Wanamaker, the American actors participating are Frank Dux, Weston Gavin, Bill Hookins, Bob Sherman and Larry Adler.

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Go West Young

Woman Round House

Irving Wardle

Just where the Women's Company stands in the field of sexual politics remains as doubtful after this opening show as it was in their pre-production announcements.

In outline, Pam Gem's play is mild and easily to satisfy Jane Arden. A group of pioneer families begin their trek to the American West with the trail boss and husbands flogging their wives along the track when the going gets rough; but come the winter, it is the men who crack, drive in the snow or reverting to cannibalism, leaving two women to discover the promised land.

In performance terms, though, it is the men who get far more chance to emerge as individual characters, especially as the play develops. At most as much time to the Indian as to the feminist cause.

Apart from its advantage of supplying parts for an unusually high proportion of actresses (and in this sense the company is obviously attempting a much-needed reform), it is hard to see any justification for this sprawling chronicle. It is not badly written, and some of the Indian material has a ring of real nobility. But authenticity is indispensable in a piece of this kind that is constantly stopping along the way for picturesque encounters with unsexed salesmen, mining town whores and passing braves. The company are not able to supply this; nor do they project a clear story line. And instead of watching a distinct group of characters being changed by the ordeal you get lost in a generalized picture of human privation. It would cut more ice if you knew who precisely was hungry and who had just lost her baby.

Although the acting rarely takes on much personal definition there are some passages that suggest the troupe's potentialities: a mock song of warning from an unrepentant whore, for instance, and a wordless scene between a young Indian and a girl in which terror gives way to fascination. (In this collective company one cannot cite actors' names.) The direction is pretty rudimentary, but Bobby Campbell and Tom Hales (dancer and actor) bring a little music to establish landscapes as well as providing a festive background.

"The Shrew"

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Shopping around

Sheila Black

the moment I am admiring a book, a reproduction of the edition of *The Canterbury Tales*, are has gone into the making of a beautiful volume, one of a limited edition of 500.

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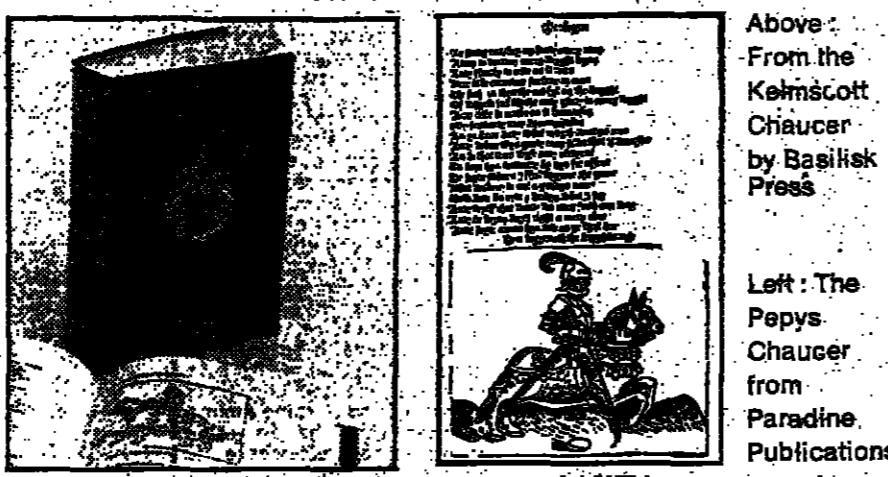
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The merchants who made a profit on goods exported to the United Arab Republic when it was completed in United States dollars after devaluation of the pound in 1967 were held by the Lords not to be obliged to pay the profit with the Export Credits Guarantee Department's contract to insure the goods.

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Homosexual allegation still a slur

Regina v Bishop
Before Lord Justice Stephenson, Mr Justice O'Connor and Mr Justice O'Connor.
Even in these progressive or permissive days a man's character is still impugned by an allegation of homosexual conduct. The defendant who gives evidence of a homosexual relationship to explain his presence in the room of a prosecution witness is held to be in breach of the provisions of section 1 of the Criminal Evidence Act, 1898, and may be cross-examined about his previous convictions.

Proven probability of damage

Hooper v Rogers
Before Lord Justice Russell, Lord Justice Stamp and Lord Justice Scarman.
A mandatory injunction or damages in lieu could be ordered where there was a real probability that in some of the activities of a defendant a steep track cutting across a slope on which the plaintiff's house stood, would result in actual damage to the house unless prevented by filling in and consolidating the track.

● My kitchen sink has new-looking taps. Not new, just new-looking. I have put TapTops on the old taps, a job easily done with the aid of the very clear instructions. However, I think you should make sure you have a reasonably long shank on the tap—one pair in one of my bathrooms would not take these new fittings—but the majority of taps could be modernized in this way. You need no skill, and you will not even need to turn off the water.

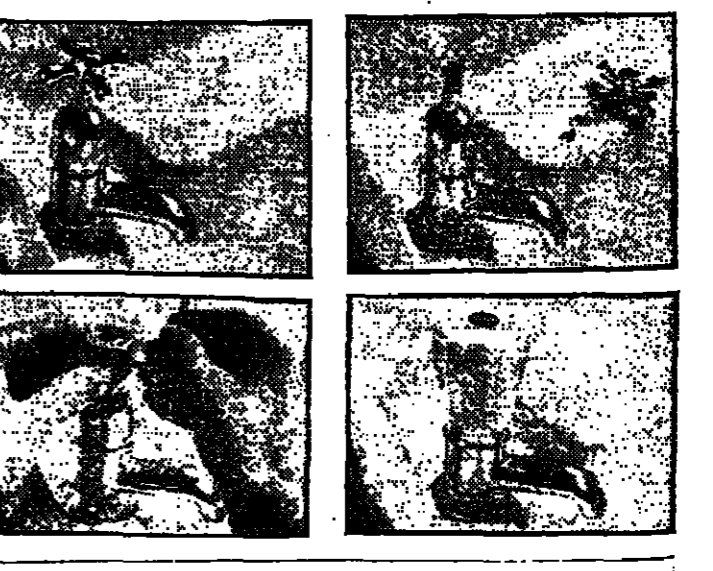
● With meat the price it is, quail is far from being the extravagance it used to be. Not only is it now a reasonably-priced dish to offer your guests, but it is something they probably eat rarely. I mean, you are unlikely to be giving them for dinner exactly what they had for lunch.

The other thing about quail is its utter reliability. It cannot be tough or let you down in any way. Its own flavour is subtle and I like it served in simple fashion but it does lend itself to all kinds of imaginative recipes. It is now very much in season.

From personal experience, I thoroughly recommend the quail from N. D. Mizen of Sprunks Farm, Knighton's Lane, Dunstford, Surrey. He sends in orders of one dozen minimum; but you should allow two birds per serving; and I find they keep perfectly in the freezer or even, for two or three weeks, in the frozen-foods storage compartment of the fridge. They cost 40p each by first-class post and posts have so far been reliable. Recipes are sent with the pack. Another good point about quail for entertaining—they are very good-tempered about lying in wait without spoiling while guests have just another drink before dinner or try to finish a long argument.

Quail pâté is bland, yet delicious. Buy it in eight-ounce tubs or send it as presents. It costs £2 per lb, which makes it a luxury. The pâté is available all year round. From Claxby Quail Farm, Alford, Lancashire. Quail from here costs a little more than from Sprunks Farm, at approximately £5 per dozen birds.

The tops of the old taps may be hard to remove, even with a hammer, even with an approved mine well with the "dry" lubricant which I buy in aerosols from almost any car accessories shop and some larger hardware shops. I suppose good old-fashioned oil might also help. Be quite sure to screw the hexagonal adaptor on very, very tightly or the taps will not turn off and on, because the hexagon adaptor is the part which will be turning round the spindle. Having made this firm, you simply slide the opaque white or smoky grey TapTop on and make sure it is engaged. The TapTops are of ICI's "Diakon", tough, durable and easy to keep clean. I happen to prefer the smoky colour, which is almost a translucent black. It looks modern, yet understated, while the white looks a bit clinical. Sink and basin TapTops cost £1.35 for white or £1.65 for smoky, and bath taps cost £1.75 for the white and £1.85 for the smoky. To each pair ordered, add 15p for postage and packing. You can get TapTops and the instruction sheet from Oakley Developments, Oakley House, Longwick, Aylesbury, Bucks.



● The Arts Council Shop was a year old this week and far too many people are still unaware of it. Next week, it starts a series of lunchtime events on Wednesdays. These include informal visits by leading figures in drama, opera, ballet, literature, the visual arts and so forth. On June 19, Sir Adrian Boult will be there. On June 26, Dame Eva Turner, Dame Ninette de Valois will be there on July 3, and Joseph Cooper will face the customers on July 10. The events start at 1 pm, and the address is 28 Sackville Street, just off Piccadilly, London W1.

Don't, however, wait for events. The shop is a pleasure at any time. Just the postcards are wonderful—excellent reproductions of paintings, sculpture, objets d'art and the like are from 5p each in colour. Much nicer than the ordinary birthday card or thank you note, for instance.

The posters, too (from about 25p), will make you want to open up your purse and start wondering how to clear wall-space for them. They are everywhere—even on the lighted ceiling where many look superbly effective. I was delighted with some reproductions of certificates of membership to various associations of craftsmen or artisans in very stylized drawings with good colours. The posters looked almost like paintings on glass. Amusing, too, were the many trades that composed themselves into one association.



The quality of the posters is superb. I am using a photograph, but rather unfairly, because I can show neither the colour nor the quality of the reproduction. But go and see them for yourself. The best cost from about £2 to about £8, but there is a wide range of prices.

There are many unusual publications there, including exhibition catalogues, and reports of the Arts Council's work if you want to see where the grants go. There are scripts representing plays and music books and programmes. And you can get a wealth of information about all events all over the country. They sell by mail order, too, and give information over the phone. Although the object is for it to run itself as a normal commercial enterprise, you will find few such shops where the staff know their stuff as well as these people do. Furthermore, they are all enthusiasts, longing to inform and to help. The telephone number is 01-734 4318. The postal code for 28 Sackville Street is London W1X 1DA.

The shop is open daily from 10 am to 6 pm (but closes at 2 pm on Saturdays and all day on Sundays). This seems a good time and place to remind readers of the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies (NADFAS), an organization which is at present running a series of "Italian days" at historic homes. Lecturers will attend and nine gorgeous silk banners are displayed—copies of originals used in the Palazzo della Signoria in Florence. If you are near Castle Howard, York, today you can rush round to the Italian day. There will be another at Woburn Abbey on June 18; and yet another at Hever Castle, Kent, on June 20.

NADFAS is more than just another cultural society that arranges lectures and tours. Its aim is to stimulate and help the conservation of our national heritage. It is a registered charity and it plans to encourage children's activities. Anyone wanting the current newsletter or more information should write to Mrs Nadine Mitchell, Woodland, Looe, near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.



● At one time I used to accept sunglasses that were merely tinted pieces of glass and, later, of plastic. Having had to wear spectacles only recently, all I had required was some protection from glare. Gradually, however, I have become aware how inefficient such sunglasses are and how infinitely less tiring are good lenses, which shade without darkening the scene. Furthermore, I prefer tinted glasses to show the wearer's eyes, at least to some degree. The concealing sunglasses make the wearer look inhuman, and tend to spoil conversation as talking to someone whose eyes you cannot see is rather unsatisfactory.

Most brands of sunglasses today are made with several kinds of lenses for different uses. Long-distance drivers should definitely have good driving glasses, with shock-proof, shatter-resistant lenses. Scratch-resistant, too, since the glasses get tossed about the car, more often than not, and are rarely looked after with loving care.

Most brands of sunglasses also carry descriptive tags to give some information about the type of lens you are buying. I am referring now to the costlier pairs from about £4 upward. It may sound a lot but it is for the sake of one's eyes? There are good ones around at a lot less but, on the whole, I haven't come across any which go to the length of telling me what I am buying.

A year or two ago I decided to buy only good sunglasses. My own are the Primetta brand Ultrason, which adjust automatically to the strength of the sun's ultra-violet rays. As you move into intense light, the lenses darken. Move into the shadows and they become lighter again. The adjustment takes a few minutes but it works. You can try a pair by covering one lens and exposing the other to brilliant light. After a few minutes lay the glasses on white paper and you will see the difference in each side. From around £9, and up to more than £10, according to the design of the frames. They look palely tinted, and feel extremely comfortable and comforting to wear.

Polarized glasses have nine different layers of plastic material, laminated to make up the lens. They give extra protection against glare and ultra-violet rays, shutting out the sun's most damaging effects on extra-sensitive eyes. But they do not absorb as much light as other

types of lenses so don't wear them if you want to read or write, for instance, in dark glasses. Most experts advise against wearing them for driving, because the special nature of the polarizing filter causes the stress patterns of most car windcreens to show up and gives many drivers unnecessary eye fatigue. I personally find they also scratch easily. The Ultrason, also ideal for extra-sensitive eyes, does not have this effect in cars.

The Neophan 74 lenses have a very high light absorption factor and are especially recommended where you are likely to be constantly exposed to really strong sunlight for long periods. They are supposed to have about double the filtering strength of normal lenses.

BS 77 are usually recommended especially for drivers, as they have special filtering qualities and sharpen up the definitions of colours—particularly in the red and orange spectrums.

The BS 77 are therefore useful to show up lighted danger signals, and provide relaxing protection. Shatter-proof, absorbing between 75 and 80 per cent of visible sunlight, they are better and more versatile than the CR 39 lenses, made of shatter-proof, scratch-resistant hard resin. However, these are light to wear and tough in use.



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John Thirk

Bond Street

a Special Report

Not old in the sense that the shops are old-fashioned. But the buildings are old, though cared for: and the shops have more of the old richness and grandeur, for the most part, than their counterparts towards the northern end. Here luxury, quality and fashion are dreamed from the top. Here there are no compromises.

Bond Street has more than history on its side. It also has geography. It is the capital's centre, wherever the planners and the large store groups try to move the shopping trade. Bond Street was once a main thoroughfare. Now it is cut up by traffic flow changes, more of a peninsula from the neighbouring streets, lined by curving roads of traffic-way. It has to rise above such cruelty to its beauty and convenience and that is not easy. Indeed, Bond Street is going to have to fight for the name and reputation it has won and so well deserved.

Rents are high—not to say exorbitant compared with lesser areas. That is as it should be, but high rents can be paid only out of high turnover and profits and people's memories can be short. Now they know Bond Street. Now they remember it. What of the future? What is the economic potential? Can it pay the rents?

Knightbridge could become a very real threat. The taxi-drivers prefer it and I have come across quite a few who complain about entering the new, more industrial Bond Street, while others refuse to find their way into its hinterland at all.

Bond Street must see to it that the excitement, the glamour, the quality and the magnetism are kept alive, and incessantly. Some London boroughs produce plump guides, supported by traders' advertisements, showing residents near by and hotel visitors, especially specific areas, giving telephone numbers and addresses as well as details of merchandise. It is something Bond Street could think about, with its wealth of shopkeepers and its Aladdin's cave of assorted merchandise.

Names have to be polished to keep their lustre. As soon as there are two or three shops of the same name, whether they be in other countries or elsewhere in Britain, the name loses some exclusivity. It has to be endowed with some other virtue. The shopper who loves exclusivity needs reassurance.

Personal service is the answer. Personal service, to a Bond Street standard and of the kind that can be found nowhere else, must be the important ingredient. Perhaps there is more. Perhaps the local authorities could be persuaded to enforce stricter laws about who may sell what. At present an exclusive jewelry shop could be changed, almost overnight, into a shop selling cut-price electrical goods—provided the shopkeeper can make such an operation pay.

There is nothing but good to say of such freedom, or of cut-price electrical shops, but they are not for Bond Street. Without hitting at freedom, can there be some criterion of standards for Bond Street? It is worth fighting for.

Past and place combine for that certain cachet

by Sheila Black

I do not actually remember the days when they kept bears in a cellar under a Bond Street perfume and pomade shop. The bear's grease was a luxury ingredient of a luxury hair cream for men, pungent and fragrant. Keeping the bears on the spot was part of Bond Street's unique and famous service.

Well, the bears have gone. So, too, have the residents to whom Mayfair was home and for whom the grand houses off Bond Street shone with multi-candle chandeliers and echoed to the sound of stately dancing and music.

The residents have moved, priced out of London's exclusive heart. But the Bond Street shops have kept their character and their versa-

tility. It is wrong to apply such modern jargon as "one-stop shopping" to a street like this; but that is exactly what Bond Street offers. Everything.

You want chocolates? Plain and unvarnished, their quality being their main ingredient. Or fancy boxes, tied for Easter, Christmas or any other season, redolent of the days when every parcel was wrapped for a customer known by name to the willing assistant who pandered to the whims and fancies of those across the counter?

You want expensive shoes, as made for the Royal Family? Yes, they are in Bond Street, as are the less expensive pairs to tempt newcomers to the street and to be unafraid of over-high prices.

Antiques, maps, newspapers and magazines, foreign or British; handbags, furniture, gold and silver, watches and jewelry, fine linen, fashion, flowers, filmy underwear, rare amber and jade, careful, classical tailoring... there really is nothing much missing. There is even a department store, with its village-store type food hall. Yes, it is all there.

Maybe that is why people shop in Bond Street. But, somehow, I do not think so. The name and the place are special. There is a cachet to Bond Street that belongs to the rue de Rivoli or to Fifth Avenue. But Bond Street has something else. It has history. Other fashions come and go. Carnaby Street, King's Road, Chelsea, and Oxford Street have their more per-

manent places. But they have nothing of Bond Street's permanence.

Like Guel, the street is divided into three parts, with three distinctive characters. The top end is an extension of Oxford Street, more elegant, more establishment, smoother but a transition between Oxford Street and Bond Street. The middle is a bit dominated by offices but still suggestive of the boutique atmosphere—and in Bond Street the word boutique must be used in its original sense and not in the trendy sense which it has been given since the swinging sixties.

The southern end of the street, before it spills into the churning traffic that Ficcaglioli has now become, is rightly called Old Bond Street. It is just that.

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When the nobility vied with literati and loungers

by Ann Morrow
When Piccadilly was the Great Western Road out of seventeenth-century London...

for the street was built. But special street, there is constant memorial to his enterprise.
In the early days it was mainly residential, attracting the "nobility and gentry"...

The elegant Beau Brummell taught the dandies of Bond Street how to tie a cravat and charge two guineas a time. By 1840 there were 22 tailors, 17 milliners, 10 perfumers, 10 boot and shoe makers, 12 booksellers and a host of butchers, bakers, fruiterers and confectioners.
There were special venison dealers and a shop on an odd day an excellent supply of fish sauce.

Walking down Bond Street is a splendid restorative. Seeing the confidence and rich authority of Asprey, Boucheron and Cartier one cannot help feeling that there will always be Bond Street. And the craftsmen still work in tiny rooms behind the splendid façades.
A good example is at Berser, engravers and silversmiths, at 15a Grafton Street, above which the craftsmen still work in rooftop room and listen to Waggoners' Walk.

and Gordon, the only bespoke tailors apart from Gieves' rare and beautiful books at Marlborough Rare Books, 35 Old Bond Street; and in the same building, chiropodist John Wiberg (his father looked after Edward VIII's feet). Furrier Maxwell Croft is on the third floor at 105 New Bond Street; stamp dealer Eric Atkin is on the second at 45 New Bond Street; and A. E. Skinner and Co., celebrated for regimental brooches, can be found at 34-35 Old Bond Street.
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by Janet Coates Barber
In the early eighteenth century there was a particular kind of fashionable summer called the Bond Street Roll.
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Seale and Inman's shop looks as cosy as the clothes. Soft blues, greens and browns are the colours of many items, including socks of a substantial length of Bond Street Roll.
Herbert Johnson, at 38 New Bond Street, has a narrow façade which somehow betrays a hat shop, but inside the women's millinery area, bag-expanding and now sells a wide range of hats and bangles as well. The hats on the men's shelves look more varied than ever before.

Chocolates chosen by numbers

Bond Street is one of those thoroughfares that has seldom been anything other than smart. Highwaymen might have still occupied the surrounding map, but the street was established, violence and squalor were kept at bay. Only once was the graciousness threatened, by a brickmaker in the eighteenth century, who to the horror of the nobility living in the Bond Street set up a factory using mud from the waste ground of Berkeley Square.
The premises occupied by Charbonnel et Walker at 31 Old Bond Street could well be among the oldest. The firm was established by Miles Charbonnel, 99 years ago and is world famous for its handmade chocolates. Some of the best known are those with numbers on the bottom, so that an assortment can be inspected with the aid of a numbered key to the rack, and a pair of gold-coloured tongs. Another famous form of presentation is the boîte blanche.

Abdulla's of 173 Bond Street sell cigars from the Philippines, Burma, Brazil, Jamaica, Holland, Switzerland and Cuba. Cases of pipes, all made of beak but in different warm tones of dark rosy red, rich tan and dark brown, line the walls. These may cost £20.
Many jewelry shops seem to cluster in Old Bond Street. At Andre Bogart, 17 Old Bond Street, there is fine gold jewelry, slim gold rings using the traditional lozenge design and adjustable bangles.

Kirkby & Bunn at 44 Old Bond Street have an interesting collection of early Victorian jewelry including diamond-studded stars, crescent moons and hunting crops entwined with horseshoes. This shop also has a good range of diamond and ruby studded sprays of flowers.
Even larger traditional sprays can be seen at Holmes a few doors away at 29 Old Bond Street. There are also solid gold classical link bracelets with heart-clasps, and gold watch chains.
At J. W. Benson at 25 Old Bond Street, there is a glittering collection of engagement rings, many of them costing well over £1,000.
At Booty Jewellery, on the other side of the road at 9a New Bond Street, the work of many young artists is on display in the showroom. It would be difficult to find any two identical pieces from one craftsman.
Flor, at 28 New Bond Street, is full of accessories, including handbags, shoes, scarves and belts mainly from France and Italy. The shop also has a huge stock of jewelry and much of this comes from the United States.

The same can be said of Delman Raync, at 15 Old Bond Street, where suede shoes in one or two shades of gold, red and apple green are sold. The famous shoes are still neat pump shapes, finely made in coloured suedes and leathers.
At Hills by Rad, 102 New Bond Street, heavy silk scarves in square silver frames hang on the walls, and this fairly new shop stocks only Italian clothes, mainly for women. Cotton and silk shirts are piled high.
Stulka, at 160 New Bond Street, is famous for men's handmade shirts and pyjamas in cotton or silk. Shirts may cost between £16 and £27, and monograms begin at £2. One of the best selling items is silk raincoats made in beige, black or navy, with a red silk lining, and these cost just over £80.
Magli, at 114 New Bond Street, always sold beautiful Italian shoes, and if you want a slightly less expensive range you can go to Elliott on the other side of the road, at 76 New Bond Street. The large stock here includes leather sandals and shoes made in Brazil, and the shop's well-established tradition for selling narrow fitting shoes is a great help to those with AAA size 11 feet. Russell & Bromley, at 24 New Bond Street, always have carefully designed and well made shoes.

Chocolates carrying letters are arranged in circular boxes which spell out a good-will message. Chocolates are sold in mouth-watering pink and blue boxes lavishly covered with moire silk, lace and ribbons. Bitter mints and rose and violet creams are still best sellers and a special concession is made up the royal children at Christmas and Easter when for once in the year, milk instead of plain chocolate is used. Bendicks at 46 New Bond Street also produce excellent handmade chocolates.
Smythson's, at 54 New Bond Street, produce high quality writing paper in unobtrusive shades. They also produce copper-plate addressed invitations, evidently much in demand by the diplomatic corps. Their "featherweight" and "water" diaries are also well known for their slim elegance.
Handmade leather writing cases, wallets with rolled gold corners, and leather-covered backgammon boards are part of their range as well as gold fountain pens. These may cost £40 each, but a complete writing set may cost £200.

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As a reminder of the 1880s the Agnew Gallery, 43 Old Bond Street, still has the original red velvet curtains—a fitting background for the Old Masters paintings and English watercolours. This is the gallery for anyone wanting a Turner of his own.
Again for Old Master paintings and drawings, and some reasonably priced old prints, Colnaghi's, 14 Old Bond Street, merits its reputation as a discriminating and selective gallery.
Marlborough Fine Arts, 39 Old Bond Street, is on a grand scale, carrying work by artists like Franz Kline, Jackson Pollock—and Sidney Nolan Chadwick, Bacon and Ben Nicholson.
Specialists in sporting scenes are Fores, 123 New Bond Street. For delicious browsing surrounded by peerless furniture there is Mallett and Son, 40 New Bond Street, and Ernie Pennington & Sons, 14 New Bond Street.
Sotheby's is the oldest firm of fine art auctioneers in the world. A bookseller named Samuel Baker started the business in 1744 to try to sell his own books and those of other people by auction. The turnover in the first year was £325. It built up slowly, and he took in a partner, George Leigh. Then in 1778—after Baker's death—the founder's nephew John Sotheby, joined the firm. Last year the turnover reached a record £74m.
Some of the most exciting sales in the past have included the libraries of the Marquis and the Marquis de Bonaparte, the Cambing jewel, the contents of the Rothschild house in Piccadilly, the Pembroke armour and pictures, the Burne Jones estate, and the Duke of Westminster's Rubens altarpiece for £275,000.
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employed to assess and catalogue works of art, and each year more than 500 specialised sale catalogues are published. One of the special attractions of Sotheby's is the free- verbal appraisal service. The experts are as delighted as the astonished owners when it is discovered that a battered old cup is worth a fortune and should no longer be used for storing safety pins.
There is a fund of delightful stories, like the one about

the elderly spinster who explained that friends had offered to look after her, and she thought she should sell her six Chippendale chairs.
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Job descriptions, application forms, details of conditions of service (including up to 75 per cent of legal and estate agent fees) and information about this pleasant rural district are available from the Personnel Officer, Paul Connors, The Limes, 12 Dunstable Street, Ampthill, Beds. Tel: Ampthill 402051 (or 403544 after office hours).

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SOULBURY RANGE B, SCALE £4383 TO £5,052 (PLUS "THRESHOLD AGREEMENT" £62.64)

Applications are invited for the post of COUNTY ADVISER IN MUSIC. Candidates should be well qualified academically and should have had good teaching experience and preferably some experience of advisory work. Knowledge of recent developments in musical education is essential.

This advertisement is issued with the agreement of the Local Government Staff Commission for England and the post is open to application from candidates currently employed by local authorities in England (excluding London) and Wales. Applications should be sent to the County Education Officer (Ref. AFS/530), County Hall, Hertford (from whom further particulars may be obtained), with the names of two referees by 28th June, 1974.

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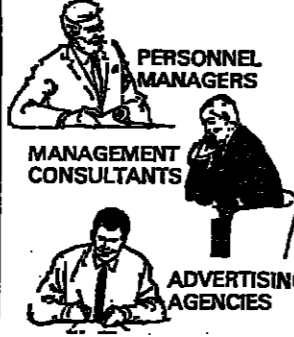
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Applicants should be very practically orientated and have experience in all aspects of Production Engineering relating to tooling and high volume production on automatic cam driven lathes, etc. Experience should include:— Process Planning, Time and Motion Study, Project Engineering, Tool Design, Trouble Shooting and Work Study Techniques.

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(6-10) £3,846-£4,356
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Advertisement appears after consultation with Local Government Staff Commission and other relevant bodies. Preference will be given to Local Government Officers.

Humberston County Council

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CANCER INSTITUTE (PETER MacCALLUM CLINIC)

MELBOURNE - AUSTRALIA

MEDICAL DIRECTOR

As a consequence of the retirement of the present Medical Director in 1973, the Board of the Cancer Institute for the medical practitioners applications for the position of Medical Director. Applicants should have proven clinical and administrative experience in the organization and distribution of medical services.

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Clinical care of patients includes radiotherapy, chemotherapy, surgery and other forms of treatment. The Institute maintains a close collaboration with the General Practitioners of the Melbourne area.

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It is expected that the successful applicant will take up duties at the end of July 1975, or later by negotiation. Application forms, conditions of appointment, statement of responsibilities, activities, staff, removal expenses, and duties should be obtained from Mr. G. S. Bell, Director, Cancer Institute, Melbourne, 278 William Street, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, 3000.

APPLICANTS CLOSE ON 16th AUGUST, 1974.

WEST MIDLANDS COUNTY COUNCIL

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An experienced solicitor ready to take on substantial responsibilities.

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Previous association with experience in criminal law.

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ADMINISTRATOR

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The Publishing Division has a staff of more than 60, approximately half of whom are professionally qualified. The main activity is the publication of an international range of physics journals and there are plans for expansion in this and related areas.

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£7,944-£8,574

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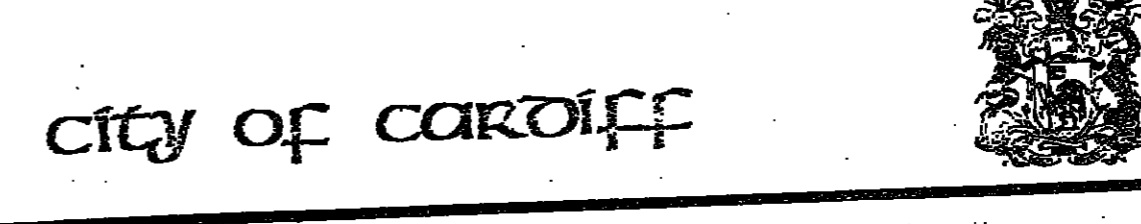
The main duties attaching to this post will include:

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- (viii) Controlling the Lord Mayor's Secretariat and the Mansion House.
- (ix) Providing Management Services (other than Personnel).

In addition, the City Secretary will be required to play his part in the general management of the local authority as required by the Chief Executive.

Application forms and further details are available from the City Personnel Officer, City Hall, Cardiff (Telephone 0222) 31033, Ext. 430. Completed application forms must be returned no later than first post, 28th June, 1974.

Applications are restricted to serving Local Government Officers in England and Wales (excluding London).



Conveyancing

... nationwide is a main interest of a number of departments, each with its own associated specialism—Land Registry (registration of titles), Treasury Solicitor's

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in Government Service

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... is the function of many Government lawyers in their respective fields. In the Home Office, for example, this could include the preparation of legislation and involve common law, constitutional law and some international law.

For these and other (London-based) vacancies you must be (or about to be) called or admitted in England, and normally be under 45 with recent practical legal experience.

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YORKSHIRE REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

LEGAL ADVISER

Salary Scale £5,910-£7,272 (From 7 Nov. 1974 £5,910-£7,821)

The successful applicant for this post, who must be a qualified solicitor, will be responsible (either personally or through outside solicitors instructed on behalf of the Authority) for all legal matters affecting the Regional Authority and for advice and assistance to seven Area Health Authorities in the Region. Previous experience in Health Service or Local Government work will be an advantage.

Further details and application forms are available from the Regional Administrator, Park Parade, Harrogate HG1 5AH, to whom application forms should be returned by 28 June.

University of Stirling

CHAIR IN EDUCATION

Following Professor Bailie Ruthven's appointment as Principal of Moray House College of Education, the University of Stirling invites applications to the Chair of Education, which will fall vacant on 1 January, 1975.

Applications should be made to the Secretary, University of Stirling, Stirling, by 1 August, 1974. Further particulars are available on request.

THE GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG

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MINERS' £20 CLAIM

Miners are on the point of their call yesterday. Increases of up to £20 a year will not be endorsed by the conference in two days. There is a moment of calm, however, in its scale—slightly on the level set by the miners recently—and with which it was the resolution, shows it of satisfaction now after settlement in March. The Scottish miners set the same way for the led to the strike and election.

At ominously the reserves that the public now appreciates the coal industry to. Indeed they do, and ish delegates clearly it as manifest that a government nor the old be ready to deny them if they asked the least sign of tion. There was no they envisaged any ire for holding back workers the claim of an increase of more cent; for men work- coal face itself, who am £45 a week, the

increase would be more than 40 per cent. That should see them very much better off a year hence even if the gloomiest predictions of inflation are fulfilled. All this after the very substantial gains earlier this year and those of last year and the year before.

It is all too clear where this leaves the social contract. On Wednesday the TUC's economic committee met and agreed on a guide to union conduct after the end of statutory restraint. The Government have been counting on it as the basis of their own policy over incomes, and have gone to great lengths to offer the unions advantages in recompense for the cooperation they sought. They are shortly to announce plans for the coal industry itself which are expected to secure its future after the long run-down. It seems that the cooperation of the TUC has been gained, but only to have it demonstrated the very next day how limited the TUC's capacity is to bind its members to any course of action. Its proposals urge unions not to pitch their claims beyond a level intended just to keep pace with the cost of living, not to seek to reopen present pay settlements before they expire, not to demand an increase less than twelve months after the previous one, and to give special attention to the

needs of the lower-paid. The Scottish miners propose to breach all three of these injunctions and show scant regard for the fourth. Announcements like yesterday's are as important in their effect on the atmosphere as in their final consequences for the wage packets of the workers immediately concerned. Even if the miners in the end abandon a claim pitched high for purposes of negotiation, the word will have gone round that they are thinking in terms of 40 or 50 per cent, and other unions will prepare their own positions in the light of it, from motives of self-protection if no other. Already NALGO at its annual conference has entirely rejected the whole idea of the social contract—a move which is particularly significant in a powerful union representing the white-collar workers who have in the past been less militant than industrial workers. They decided to ask for 20 per cent; after the Scottish miners' demands, they may be regretting that already. As yesterday's very bad trade figures showed, there is going to be no scope whatever in the coming year for general increases in the standard of living. Inflationary claims like these are mortal blows to the Government's new policy on wages even before it has been established.

Staffing of local government

From Sir George Mallaby
Sir, I was naturally gratified to have your powerful support (Leaders, May 24 and 28) for one of the recommendations in my Committee's report of 1967 on the Staffing of Local Government. We had no doubt about the value of staff exchanges between local authorities and other branches of the public service. We were equally sure that the organization of such exchanges should be in the hands of a central staffing organization which we hoped that the local authority associations would establish.

The value we were looking for was the value of increased sympathy and understanding and rather comprehension of difficulties and restraints. The idea of a central government inspectorate, acting also as a refuge for local government officials whose consciences were troubled with suspicion and corruption, could not have been further from our thoughts.

I can no longer consult my committee but I should expect that they would feel that the objects they sought to achieve were incompatible with the objects of an inspectorate and that any agency needed to give effect to their recommendation should on no account be in the hands of central government.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE MALLABY,
Downhills Lane,
Cheriton,
N. Bury St Edmunds,
Suffolk,
June 12.

The soldier and the student

From Mr H. L. Smith
Sir, I see that a Member of Parliament wishes strictures about working harder to be put on university notice boards.

I share the general belief that most university students work at least as hard as other people of their age. One group of students works quite extraordinarily hard, namely part-time students. As this group forms 87 per cent of the students of this college, I think I should try to correct the bias against students in general that Mr Piers Dixon's letter (June 12) displays.

Our part-time students earn their living in the daytime and work for the internal degrees of this university by attending classes in the evening. They contribute to the economy of the nation and at sacrifice of their leisure, they add to its resources of highly qualified manpower. They come from all walks of life, including HM Armed Forces, and indeed one is a Member of Parliament. Their achievements earn them the deep respect of the academic community as a whole.

However, they share a common disability: they are not entitled to assistance towards the cost of their studies from the public funds, to which our full-time students are entitled. The majority meet these costs out of their own taxed income; some get help from enlightened employers; a small minority receive grants from local education authorities, exercising their discretionary powers of awarding grants. Some students receive grants from their local education authorities under mandatory legislation. This is not equitable.

May I respectfully commend to Mr Piers Dixon the task of redressing this inequality? He may find it hard work, but success would earn

British forces in Oman

From Mr Stan Nevens, Labour and Cooperative MP for Harlow, and others
Sir, In recent weeks a great deal of public attention has been focussed on the arguments for and against the withdrawal of British troops from Northern Ireland. During the whole of this period and for years previously, however, no attention has been given to the one other area of the world where British forces are still actively engaged in armed hostilities—the Sultanate of Oman—though here as well injuries and loss of life have been sustained, if not on the same scale.

In Oman, unlike in Northern Ireland, our forces cannot by the remotest stretch of the imagination be regarded as playing a peace-keeping role or defending democracy. On the contrary, their presence is designed to maintain a regime in which opposition parties, a free press, and trade unions are illegal and in which hundreds of political prisoners have been jailed or shot.

It is true, of course, that the regime is not as barbaric as its predecessor under the present Sultan's father, Sultan Qaboos bin Said. Conservative and Labour Governments alike supported until its overthrow in 1970. There can still, however, be no justification on democratic grounds for a British commitment which involves several hundred British military personnel serving with the Sultan's forces under several guises and the maintenance of bases at Masirah and Salala.

Disquiet must also be expressed at the arrangements under which several thousand Iranian troops from the other side of the Gulf are involved in military operations in the territory in support of the Sultan. The Shah, who tolerates no genuine opposition at home, is not in Oman for altruistic reasons, and his desire to establish Iranian military power throughout the area is an obvious development.

Oman is of course, officially an independent country, but for more than a century British influence has been the major factor in determining the course of events. Throughout this time, far from encouraging any attempt to establish democratic institutions, it has consistently backed the suppression.

On June 9 the war in Dhofar entered its tenth year. A few days previously the trials were initiated of 52 Omanis for alleged subversion following their extradition from Abu Dhabi. Recent statements by FLOAG, the British defence group which has been conducting the war, have indicated a willingness to negotiate a settlement provided that political liberties are respected and foreign troops are withdrawn.

Here is a clear case for the termination of the British commitment, and the present defence review undertaken by the Labour Government provides an ideal opportunity for this decision to be taken. As Members of Parliament who are dedicated to the maintenance of that Government, we should like it to be known that we believe that British troops should be withdrawn, and we look forward to the emergence of a more progressive Oman which will only be achieved in the absence of all forces from abroad whose presence is designed to uphold external interests.

Yours etc,
STAN NEVENS,
ROBERT EDWARDS,
FRANK ALLAIN,
FRANK BOOLEY,
AUDREY WISE,
ARTHUR LATHAM,
TED FLETCHER,
House of Commons,
June 11.

WHITLAM USES HIS VICTORY

Whitlam is showing his victor in the Australian elections. Some observers that he is overdoing the of firm government results of the Senate will not be finally till next week, and there tring possibility that the nt will not get even the ntory there that it But though the results appear as another dead- enate is unlikely to con- obstructionist line with at measures which pre- the elections. The ic Labour Party splinter the Senate has been ur and the Liberal- Party opposition will cooperation of the two ens to frustrate the enic legislation. The on the brake occasion- they are unlikely to do he Senate will again a house of amendment ion.

more important is he Senate will be strong o prevent Mr Whitlam ntroducing and passing the key measures that ected by the Senate in- rous parliament. The ion provides that these be reintroduced, and, if ate again, rejects or them, the Government ene a joint sitting of both

houses to vote together on each measure which then passes if it gets a simple majority. In such a joint sitting, Mr Whitlam, with a majority of five in the House of Representatives, and at least parity in the Senate, would carry the day.

By far the most important of the rejected Bills was one designed to equalize constituencies. At present the country districts are overrepresented. The Country Party, which is the junior partner in the opposition, did well in the last election. Labour's strength is in the towns. Redistribution will therefore be at the permanent expense of the Country Party, which could lose three or four seats by it. Furthermore, both opposition parties won many seats by narrow margins. The voting system suggested a move- ment towards Labour which was not reflected in the seats in the lower house. Under a first-past-the-post system, Mr Whitlam would have won decisively, instead of suffering a slight reduction in his majority.

If this pattern endures, redistribution could give Labour a permanently improved electoral position. Mr Whitlam hopes, moreover, to simplify the proportional and transferable vote system, which, since Labour supporters are thought to be more liable to spoil their voting papers under the present system,

should again tend to strengthen Labour's polling power under Australia's compulsory voting law. There is thus a real prospect that Mr Whitlam will now entrench his party in power. The election may prove a political watershed.

Mr Whitlam has already shown that he wants to strengthen federal against state power. This is a much more dubious undertaking. His attempt to bully the states over their constituencies during his last period of office by attacks on their "colonial" status vis-à-vis Britain backfired badly. More subtly, he is now using public anxiety over inflation to extend control over the states through the budget. By raising the states' crossed finance, he will force them to cut spending or to raise local taxes, both electorally unpopular. Yet the states are the spending departments, and the Labour Party is dissatisfied with the educational, welfare and health services. Mr Whitlam cannot have it both ways for long. The immediate limiting factor on his power, however, comes from the feuding and disunity in his own ministerial team, which is practically unchanged. As architect of victory his position in the party may have been consolidated, but since the caucus, not the prime minister, makes the appointments, he is still not fully master in his own house.

Making the truth actionable

From Mr R. F. Farmer
Sir, In his letter rebutting Mr Robert Taylor's criticism of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Bill, A. H. Thornhill writes (June 12) that an ex-offender's "remade life should not be in peril of a long past peccadillo being raked up against him."

But there are many peccadilloes—and worse—that do not inevitably lead to conviction and conviction. Even if the Bill becomes law it will remain possible to say of a man to the end of his days (provided it can be proved to be true) that he has been divorced five times or he was once a practising homosexual—or strangest anomaly of all—that he was once dismissed for misappropriating funds by his employers decided not to prosecute.

Whatever the legal position, as a general rule it would be inexcusable to publish such information gratuitously. But will not publication be amply justified if, in the first instance, the man has set himself up as a marriage expert, or, if the second has become a youth club leader, or in the third the treasurer of a major charity?

If this argument has any validity in the case of conduct that did not lead to conviction, it must apply with even greater force to criminal behaviour. Many examples will be obvious and follow from those already given, but others are less so. For instance, the public surely has a right to know that a candidate for important public office was once a close associate of known criminals. But under the provisions of the Bill, if the convictions of the criminals in question are "spent," the publisher of the information will not be able to prove its truth in court. In consequence he will inevitably lose if a libel action is brought against him, and the payment of heavy damages will be his likely reward for making a true statement in the public interest.

These problems, of course, are only yet another facet of the fundamental conflict between the right of members of the public to information of legitimate concern to them and the right of individuals to privacy and confidentiality. Because of this conflict, the law must seek to balance the public interest against the individual's right to privacy. The Bill would create, surely it was both a modest and a sensible suggestion by Mr Taylor that the Bill should be shelved for the time being and the issues in the form part of that review of the whole body of the law as it affects the press which the Prime Minister has indicated is imminent.

Yours faithfully,
R. F. FARMER,
General Secretary,
2 & 4 Tudor Street, EC4,
June 12.

Scottish Daily News

From Mr Michael Cudlipp
Sir, During the last few weeks I have been giving what individual help and guidance I can as General Adviser to the Action Committee of ex-Beaverbrook newspaper workers. They were made redundant by the Beaverbrook Organisation's decision to stop printing the Scottish Daily Express and Scottish Sunday Express in Scotland and the simultaneous closure of the Glasgow Evening Citizen.

The Action Committee decided to create jobs by starting a new newspaper, the Scottish Daily News, which would be an economically viable publication owing no allegiance to any political party. With professional help they have formed a workers' cooperative company, Scottish News Enterprises Ltd, and have now approached the Department of Trade and private sources for financial assistance. The results of these approaches should become clear shortly.

I am writing to you because it seems to me important for reasons beyond rescuing 500 jobs that these workers get a chance to succeed. They have behaved in a highly responsible way both in negotiating with their former employers and in dealing with the complicated problems they have had to face. Within a few weeks the committee has moved from being a variety of individuals representing sectional trade union interests to a cohesive body capable of mature decision-making and commanding respect. However, there are some reservations, both from certain sections of Government and some trade union elements.

There are the natural reservations of private or public investors in lending money to a workers' cooperative with little or no management skills. But the company will have a

Sculptors and VAT

From Mr Henry Moore, OM, CH, and others
Sir, We, the undersigned, would like to thank Peter Gimpel and the other people (Michael Holroyd, Sir Geoffrey Gifford, Victor Waddington, etc.) for bringing to the readers of your columns the difficulties imposed upon artists by value added tax. We would also like to point out that, not being zero rated, sculptors have already the heaviest expenses of any artist, i.e. the cost of bronze casting, transport, (exceptionally high cost of materials as opposed to painters, writers and musicians) plus the possibility of having expensively constructed works often remaining unsold for a period of months or years—sculptors therefore suffer most from this burden.

Needless to add, it is the "beginners" in the field of sculpture who are finding it increasingly difficult to cope with these expenses. With the lowering of the annual "turnover" limit from £5,000 to £1,750 now in the pipeline (to quote Mr Michael Holroyd's letter of April 8) it will become almost impossible for many sculptors to continue at all.

Yours,
HENRY MOORE,
JOHN MILNE,
BRYAN KNEALE,
ROBERT ADAMS.

WORST WAY TO SUBSIDIZE RAILWAYS

new policy is needed for railways has been evident east two years, since it emerge that the present laid down in the 1968 rt Act, had irretrievably down. The exhaustive since carried out, taking unt not only the railways ws but emerging factors energy and the environ- ularly little, to have's Bill now published by ernment. It is not so much as a rescue operation for nization whose activities now to be unhealthy out- control both of its manage- and (as represented by) lent its proprietors. While anket subsidies the Bill is in place of specific ones ways now receive are sub- sistent limits, they have an look that suggests that really being proposed is a to open-ended subsidy.

railways have been subject- limentary control ever heir inception: initially to hem striding, state-booted others: more in them in turn to transport modes retained their existence. It widely accepted that the

freight flows should go by rail so social but not purely commercial grounds, British Rail and the industrial interests concerned should jointly put a case for subsidy (talks now being initiated with 100 firms could provide a starting point). Finally, something should be done, now that yet another large capital write-off is proposed, about the huge land holdings held by the railways on the public's behalf, to which the board's policy is generally either to hang on at all costs however little used, or sell or develop for the maximum profit. Whether for city sidings or rural branch lines, neither course is calculated to produce the greatest public benefit, and to regard these assets in the first place as transport rather than railway land could lead to some worthwhile measures of practical transport integration within broader physical planning.

Instead of the greater sophistication and wider participation such policies would call for, that proposed in the Bill would inevitably lead to even greater interference in railway management by a body of civil servants swelling steadily with the funds they administer. Such an outcome would be bad for the country and bad for the railways, and Parliament should not permit it.

could be of value to have a similar scheme for whole estates. Reductions would be made in income tax, surtax and death duties on the estate, and in return the owner would undertake that it would be managed as an agricultural unit in accordance with an agreed plan which would be drawn up in agreement with, say, the Countryside Commission. The plan would make provision for suitable development, for amalgamation of farms, for provision of smallholdings for both young and semi-retired, for repairs to the house, preservation of the parkland, adequate provision of dwellings for the retired whether from neighbouring towns or agricultural areas and where suitable, it would also provide for recreational facilities. The details would be agreed on a short term of perhaps five years but the overall pattern would be laid down on a very long term.

This would allow change as society changes but would preserve the ethos of the well managed agricultural estate which is even more valuable than the house and park and from which stems greater benefits for the public whether visiting or living in a rural area.

Yours faithfully,
W. J. BULMER,
Estate Office,
Saltburn-in-Cleveland,
Saltburn-by-the-sea, Yorkshshire.

Detained in Greece

From Mr Peter Calvocressi and others
Sir, We wish to support Father Peter Leo's protest (June 28) about the treatment of Mrs Athina Kallianessi of the Greek publishing house Kedros. Information that we have confirms and amplifies his. Not only is Mrs Kallianessi held in prison, incommunicado and without charge, but she is being held there from inside the prison, and that she is suffering from hallucinations.

One can only speculate on the cause but she has not had hallucinations before. It is difficult to resist the conclusion that her imprisonment and its consequences stem from the underground fact that some of her activities as a publisher have been displeasing to the regime. She is the latest martyr in the cause of freedom of speech in Greece. Would that we could see some sign that she might be the last.

Yours faithfully,
PETER CALVOCRESSI, Publisher,
Penguin Books Ltd,
CHARLES CLARK, Managing Director,
Hutchinson Publishing Group Ltd,
WILLIAM COLLINS, Chairman,
Collins Publishers,
GRAHAM CARLETON GREENE, Managing Director, Jonathan Cape Ltd,
HUGH GREENE, Chairman, The Bodley Head,
IAN PARSONS, Chairman, Chatto & Windus Ltd,
CHARLES PICK, Chairman and Managing Director, William Heinemann Ltd,
RAYNE UNWIN, Chairman, George Allen & Unwin Ltd,
Penguin Books Ltd,
Harmondsworth, Middlesex.

Soviet objectives in Middle East

From Professor Leonard Schapiro
Sir, Several weeks have elapsed since the 30, which The Times published Mr Edward Mortimer's attack on the Institute for the Study of Conflict in the guise of what purported to be a review of a recent report of the Institute on Soviet objectives in the Middle East. On May 1, you carried a letter from the Director of the Institute pointing out some grave factual errors in Mr Mortimer's attack.

I have delayed writing in the expectation, then in the fading hope, that Mr Mortimer would apologize. Now all hope has faded, an invitation from the Council of the Institute for the Study of Conflict and as chairman of the study group on whose work the report was based, to place a few necessary facts on record.

I am not concerned to vindicate the contents of the report, except to express the hope that it will be judged on its merits and not on Mr Mortimer's comments which seem to amount to little more than petulant abuse. But I am concerned to make clear the position of the "experts" (in Mr Mortimer's inverted commas made so popular by Agitprop, and now apparently considered suitable for the pages of The Times), in other words the position of the distinguished specialists in the field of Soviet and Middle Eastern affairs who were generous enough to spend a whole day discussing the draft papers on which Mr Crozier's report was ultimately based.

As chairman of this study group, I assured its members that nothing would be published over their names which they would not have had an opportunity of discussing from if they so wished. This promise was scrupulously observed by Mr Crozier, in the manner described by him on page 3 of the report.

My own impression is that the report as produced represents a fair and full consensus of opinion round a table. If any member of the group still feel that they disagree with some detail or some emphasis, their position is covered by Mr Crozier's note at the beginning of the report. For Mr Mortimer to describe this procedure as one where the "experts" allowed their names to be used does more damage to Mr Mortimer's reputation than to the reputation of the members of the study group or of the Institute for the Study of Conflict.

Yours faithfully,
LEONARD SCHAPIO,
Chairman of Council, Institute for the Study of Conflict,
17 Northumberland Avenue, WC2,
June 12.

Palestinians' rights

From Mrs Marion Woolfson
Sir, Although Mr Michael Akehurst (June 8) rightly agrees with Mr Peter Hain that Soviet persecution is not "racist tyranny" as Mr Bernard Levin stated, because "it is applied impartially to all regardless of race", Mr Levin, in the same issue of The Times, has once more referred to "the Soviet Union's anti-semitic persecution".

If Mr Akehurst had completed Article 15 (2) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which "provides: 'Everyone has the right to leave any country, including his own... and to return to his country'." While Mr Levin, and many other people, have been fighting to uphold the right of the Panovs and other Soviet citizens to emigrate to Israel, they have remained silent about the right of the Palestinians to return to their country. Why? Incidentally, according to Israeli law, the child expected by Galina Panov will never be allowed to marry a Jew in Israel unless its mother is converted to Judaism.

Mr Levin (May 24) wondered why

Five months rainfall

From Mr H. A. C. Bourne
Sir, Your page one today (June 6) says: "An official said that in the first five months of the year there was the equivalent of only three months' rainfall..." He was apparently speaking of the Midlands, but here, not so far away, the facts are that from January to May (inclusive) this year we have had 15.54 inches. The average for that period over 18 years is 13.33 inches. If you can believe "an official" you can believe anything.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
H. A. C. BOURNE,
Pitton, near Salisbury,
Wiltshire.

Set and advertising

Sir Brian Batsford
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N. BATSFORD,
man of Council,
Royal Society of Arts,
Adam Street,
W1, WC2.

Preserving estates

From Mr W. J. Bulmer
Sir, The suggestion made by Mr John Harris (June 1) that relief from income tax and surtax for the maintenance of statelike homes is needed, has a much wider applica- tion. This home, the crumbling one, visible, albeit a crumbling one, of private ownership of agricultural land and as the house crumbles so does the social structure of the rural estate which more than any other single factor has preserved our countryside.

The success of the Forestry Deduction Scheme which has given sufficient long term confidence to the investment of private wealth in trees suggests that it

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burgh Opera House

Professor A. Nove
The Edinburgh city fathers ve discredit for the opera house sion, and I am of course hted that Scottish Opera is iring Glasgow's Theatre Royal, s Bernard Levin being fair? um, June 11). How many opera s or theatres have been opened money raised from London rate- s? Covent Garden and the anal Theatre are paid for out of

Dress in court

From Mr James Stevens
Sir, Do I discern in Mr John Watson's letter (June 11) that he thinks that the cure of souls is reserved for those in their "Sunday best". The church is open daily for persons to use in whatever clothes they happen to be wearing.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES STEVENS,
Churchwarden, St Mary and St Barnaby's Parish Church,
56 Coniston Road,
Folkestone,
Kent,
June 11.

Naming the pandas

From Mr I. W. Lyon
Sir, Chou 'y' Lai? Yours faithfully,
I. W. LYON,
Northdown, Oakham Road North,
West Harsley, Surrey,
June 12.

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THE TIMES BUSINESS NEWS

Telford has the space and the people for growing companies

Benn wants to consider buying way into equipment firm

Corina... seemed to many workers to involve little more than the situation of a public boss with the same authoritarian structure as before... Mr Benn said...

Deadlock at IMF talks on aid and SDRs

From Frank Vogl, United States Economic Correspondent... Important arrangements on questions of development aid and on procedural and technical questions concerned with the articles of the International Monetary Fund have surfaced here at the meeting of the Committee of Twenty...

CBI chief attacks Labour plan for industry

By Malcolm Brown... Industry yesterday launched a serious challenge to the Government's plans for further nationalisation and greater power for the unions... In a bitter personal attack on Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Industry and Mr Michael Foot, the Employment Secretary, Mr Ralph Batesman, the CBI president, said...

Woolworth switch from NatWest to Giro

By Our Industrial Editor... The National Giro, banking arm of the Post Office, has won the bank deposit business of the F. W. Woolworth stores chain from the National Westminster Bank... This involves about £400m a year of cash flow from 1,000 branches round Britain...

Acquisitions dominate mergers, study shows

Philip Wilkins... study conducted by Exchange last month that deals in both merged and private companies... Britain are almost dominated by the acquisitions...

Banks limit councils' overdrafts

By Our Financial Staff... The clearing banks are cutting down sharply on the size of the overdraft facilities they are prepared to offer to local authorities...

Economy facing great difficulty, Bank says

By Peter Jay, Economics Editor... The economy faces problems of unprecedented difficulty, the Bank of England states in its Quarterly Bulletin published today...

Keyser name Grendon rescue team

By Margaret Drummond... Mr Ivor Richards, ex-director of secondary banking group Corinthian Holdings, is to head the rescue operation by merchant bankers Keyser Ullmann for Grendon Trust...

Panel clears air on Fenchurch bid

Further news of a possible counter-bid for Fenchurch in London is unlikely to come before Monday... This was disclosed yesterday in a statement from the independent board members of Fenchurch who are opposing an offer by the Guinness Peat group...

Minister in to curb developers

John Silkin, Minister for the Environment and Local Government, has told property developers that they must own all the land to be developed and that the role of the Government is to control the development...

Grocery price index shows significant fall

The Food Price Index produced by Hoare & Co. Government for The Grocer magazine last week showed its most significant fall for some time... There was a decline by 1.1 per cent on the previous week to an index reading of 174.02...

PO engineers to be paid £4.70 a week more

Post Office engineers yesterday agreed to accept a Phase Three pay award giving them an average rise of about £3.50 a week from July 1... They also qualify for a threshold award of £1.20 a week...

Flixborough will cost Royal £3m

The Royal Insurance Co has estimated that the recent chemical plant explosion at Flixborough will cost it about £3m... Royal said yesterday it was in a "very strong" financial position, with substantial free reserves in excess of £100m...

John Foster & Son Limited Spinners and Manufacturers

Extracts from the Statement by the Chairman, Mr. G. F. B. Grant. "Pre-tax profits double in 1973. Substantial order books this year." Pre-tax profits of £1,202,000 for the 14 months ended 1st March, 1974. On an annual basis profits are £1,030,285, almost twice the figure for 1972 (£526,163)...

Index-linked bond proposed

The Government is seriously considering issuing an index-linked bond to help the small saver... This was announced yesterday in the House of Commons by Mr Edmund Bell, the Paymaster General...

How the markets moved

Table showing market movements for various commodities and currencies, including Rises, Falls, and THE POUND section.

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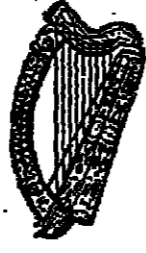
Table listing other pages and their content, such as Market reports, Business appointments, and Financial Editor.

Extracts from Accounts

Table showing financial data for 14 months to 1st Mar. 1974 and 12 months to 31st Dec. 1972, including Turnover, Group Profit before Tax, and Earnings per Stock Unit.

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June, 1974.

Pay code and high taxes blamed for erosion in top engineering jobs

By Our Industrial Editor

The efficiency of Britain's mechanical engineering industry is already being eroded by the effects of the Pay Code, high taxation and inflation, the British Mechanical Engineering Confederation has told the Government.

It is claimed there is now a very serious middle management retention and recruitment problem, which will get worse if proposals in the 1974 Finance Bill are not amended.

The Government has been told there is increasing evidence from BRIMEC's 9,000 member companies that managers in the £4,000-£7,000 income bracket are being forced into a game of "musical chairs" because salaries have fallen in terms of what money will buy and effects of the Pay Code.

As a result experienced key staff is moving for financial reasons, not because of job dis-

satisfaction, and new staff has to be recruited at a higher salary. It is the bigger companies who are being most affected by this movement of management talent.

"The losses are most serious in the design and engineering departments, and most rapid among accountants, computer experts", BRIMEC says.

Mr Peter Seligman, chairman of AFV Holdings, said yesterday: "I believe many other companies in the mechanical engineering industry, are losing key people either to other occupations or because they leave the country in search of levels of remuneration which we are not able to meet because of the present Pay Code."

"Others are moving to new jobs within the industry. All these cases result in a serious loss of know-how to the companies which takes a long time to replace. More serious, however, is the damage to morale."

The loss of talent BRIMEC said is to be felt also among higher income brackets, where it is so necessary to encourage effective performance in view of the increasing complexity of modern industry.

The evidence is in the increased activities of "head-hunters" to fill the gaps. It is also exceptionally difficult to get people from subsidiaries overseas to work in Britain, because salary levels of top executives are often nearly double BRIMEC is asking the Government to remove middle management's uncertainty. In its future by taking action through reduced personal taxation so that gross salaries keep pace with inflation.

With present trends, a 30 per cent annual increase leaves the £7,000 a year man no better off in gross terms. The capital and property wealth taxes are further encouragement to able managers to seek proper remuneration elsewhere.

Architects' salaries make 1 headw.

By Edward Town

Principals of architects' practices Kingdom earned income of £5,641 to June, 1973, the results of a survey of salaried architects. Principals' incomes out, are only a return if only have to provide from which the capitalized and by 56.1 per cent since a prolonged period.

The survey, conducted by 2,500 architects, the median salary of salaried architects was £3,200 and that of architects was £3,752. Salaried architects require 23 per cent and 31 per cent, June, 1970.

The institute states higher incomes are the principals of practices, the greatest in the past three years, among those with salaries. Despite this, income for principals office have only the architectural staff in fringe benefits for many substantially be public and private.

Job satisfaction, is greatest among private practice architects in income.

Another survey has shown that salaries in British banks are catching up the pay offer by the offices of European banks. Some 451 money managers now earn £3,500, according to incomes research unit Executive Selection, among the highest in British banking.

Business appointments

Mr Meinertzhagen's top insurance posts

Mr D. Meinertzhagen has been elected chairman of the Royal, the Liverpool & London & Globe and the London & Lancashire insurance companies in succession to Sir Paul Chambers, who, with Sir Douglas Crawford and Mr R. J. Lockett, has retired from the board. Sir William Gorell Barnes has been re-elected a deputy chairman and Mr J. F. R. Baring elected a deputy chairman of the three companies.

Lord Cromer has joined the Imperial Group board as a non-executive director. Lord Cromer was Governor of the Bank of England from 1961 to 1966 and British Ambassador in Washington from 1971 to 1974. Mr A. W. Martin is retiring as a director of the company and as chairman of several subsidiaries.

Mr Robin Behar, a director of Tesco Stores (Holdings), will not seek reelection at the next annual general meeting. Mr Behar will devote himself to expanding family interests in Europe. He will be succeeded as managing director

of Tesco Estates by Mr Francis Krejca.

Lord Strathclyde is retiring from the board of the British Petroleum Co at the end of the month. Mr M. J. Verey is joining the board. Mr J. Boddy who has been made executive chairman of the recent Closures Group and chairman of Metal Closures Ltd, is retiring from the boards of all other United Kingdom subsidiaries. Mr J. Houghton becomes sole group managing director and also president of Alcatel Italiana SpA while remaining on the board of other subsidiaries.

Mr J. Wood has been appointed product support director of the Derby engine division of Rolls-Royce (1974). Mr A. D. Jackson becomes business executive with responsibility for new business in the collaborative field. Mr B. R. Leveson has become director and chief engineer of the Diesel Division of Rolls-Royce Motors.

Dr D. W. von Menges, chairman of Guelpho International, Alexandria, has been elected president of the German Chamber of Industry and Commerce in succession to Sir Frank Roberts.

Mr J. R. Cickomy has become a consultant to Knight Frank & Rutley specializing in the investment and commercial field.

Sir Raymond Brookes, group chairman and chief executive of the GKN Group, has been elected president of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders. He succeeds Mr G. A. Hunt, chairman of Chrysler United Kingdom, who becomes deputy president and remains chairman of the society's executive committee. Mr John Barber, deputy chairman and managing director of British Leyland, has been elected vice-president, to succeed Mr Alex Rhea, former chairman and managing director of Vauxhall Motors.

Mr Barry Heston, chairman designate of the GKN Group, and Mr David Plastow, group managing director of Rolls-Royce Motors, have been elected vice-presidents. Mr Miles Bredden, joint managing director of Wilmor Bredden, was re-elected as the society's honorary treasurer for the 1974-75 consecutive year. (Business diary, page 23.)

Baker Perkins chief in export finance plea

Sir Ivor Baker, chairman of Baker Perkins Holdings, has called on the Government to assist engineering companies in the United Kingdom by providing some form of pre-shipment finance for exports.

At the company's annual meeting yesterday, Sir Ivor said the Government should provide a post-shipment finance through the banks at reasonable interest rates, but companies were still left to finance the design and production of equipment from the time of order taking until shipment. This made heavy demands for working capital at high interest.

"Almost 50 per cent of Baker Perkins' domestic production is exported."



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the 129th Annual General Meeting of the Royal Insurance Company Limited held on Thursday, 13th June in Liverpool, Chairman, Sir Paul Chambers, K.B.E., C.B.E., C.I.E., in following comments additional to his statement circulated the Annual Report and Accounts:

"I think it might be helpful if I were first to touch upon the question of dividend payments. As you will have realized, we have not paid a dividend for some time because the date of the meeting had to be determined we could not be certain, due to the effects of the three day week, necessary arrangements could be completed to enable stockholders to receive the accounts and notice of the meeting at the time. We felt, however, that stockholders should not be in a position to suffer the postponement of the payment of dividend and thus the Board declared a second interim dividend which was paid on what would have been the normal date of final dividend, 17th May, rather than follow the customary practice of recomputing a final dividend for the approval of the meeting. The amount of this second interim dividend was the maximum final dividend which we could have paid under the present law."

"You will know that we have made a poor start in an overall profit for the first quarter of £4.1m against £11.1m for the first quarter of 1973. Whatever a first quarter's result or had, we emphasize that they are not a reliable guide to likely results for the whole year but obviously a total loss of £2.5m in this first quarter cannot augur well for particularly as we know that the tornadoes which occurred in North America in April will cost us some £3.3m. We also have a substantial involvement in the tragic disaster which happened at Friborough but it will be some time before we have firm knowledge of the size of our loss from all sources. We estimate, however, that our total interest in the firm will be of the order of £3m."

"Weather catastrophes such as Cyclone 'Wanda' which struck in January and the American tornadoes in April, expected from time to time in our business and, severe their impact may be, at the time, we feel that we must longer term view and recognize that the undertaking risks is unavoidable in the conduct of a worldwide insurance business."

"A greater problem than catastrophes of this kind is, and, more particularly, increasing rates of inflation. This not only the cost of settling current claims but also the cost for claims to be settled in the future, which involves a view of inflationary trends, worldwide, for several years. If it appears to us that the upward trend of inflation is becoming more pronounced then appropriate action is to be taken to provide for increasing claims and it is our constant attention to this problem can ensure as possible the most up to date and realistic assessments to be met in the future. A further important point is that looking at the situation prospectively in this way we can make a reliable judgment as to the premiums we ought to be charged to meet the future cost of claims. In this respect of course, in a different situation from other industries costs are usually known before prices are determined have to determine the prices in advance and it is essential in doing so we take a realistic view of inflationary trends, of course, that adequate control of inflation is vital for the insurance industry. Let me stress that we receive in addition to our insurance funds, we have a record and are well equipped to face the present difficulties and to make steady progress in the future."

"There are inevitably very many problems that arise in the management of a worldwide Group such as ours and so that gives me the greatest confidence is the strength of the General Management led by Mr. Bevins. Under his support of a well trained and well qualified staff the problems are being recognized earlier, and action is being pursued vigorously, I think, than ever before."

"During my chairmanship the Board itself has undergone considerable change: its numbers have fallen substantially since 1970. It has included a number of Executive Directors with a wide-ranging experience and is most competent with the important decisions it has to take. I would like this opportunity of expressing my thanks for the support we have always so readily given to me and more especially to the two Deputy Chairmen, Mr. Meinertzhagen whom I know, it is the Board's intention to appoint as my successor, and Sir William Gorell Barnes. I also take this opportunity of expressing my special thanks to Sir Douglas Crawford and Mr Lockett both of whom are, like myself, leaving the Board as from today. Their constant and vigorous support has been a great help to me and I wish them their retirement."

"The Report and Accounts were adopted. The other directors retiring by rotation were re-elected and the A remuneration agreed."

"The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Director Management Staff and Agents proposed by Mr. H. B. C. and seconded by Mr. S. Morris."

"69% overseas earnings"

Tate & Lyle's interim results for the six months to 31st March, 1974, show how overseas earnings including shipping have contributed to increased profits.

Profits before tax for the half year were £14.2 million compared with £11.1 million for the previous six months and £6.8 million for the first half of last year.

The company much regrets that raw sugar supplies from the UK's traditional sources are in the short term inadequate for customers' needs. This has entailed a lower throughput and with higher inflation has reduced profits from sugar refining.

The contribution from overseas earnings rose from 50% to 69%. These overseas interests have been developed naturally from Tate & Lyle's original sugar business in the UK. The company's activities now cover shipping, bulk liquid storage, warehousing and distribution, commodity trading, road transport and engineering, as well as sugar.



Out of sweetness came forth strength

Copies of the Interim Report can be obtained from Roger Foden, Secretary, Tate & Lyle Limited, 21 Mincing Lane, London EC3R 7QY.

Suspicion of fraud in Franklin crisis

From Frank Vogl
Washington, June 13
United States federal agencies investigating the affairs of the Franklin National Bank seriously suspect that large scale fraud was a prime cause of the bank's financial difficulties.

Sources in these agencies told *The Times* that suspicions of fraud have hardened in recent weeks as investigations developed. These concern numerous business sectors and not just foreign exchange.

The *Washington Post* today reported that Mr Justin T. Watson, Deputy Controller of the Currency, had said the possibility that Franklin was the victim of fraud in the foreign exchange sector was already under active investigation.

Investigations into the affairs of Franklin are being made by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Reserve System and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Trading in the shares and bonds of the bank and its parent company, the Franklin New York Corporation, will remain suspended until June 20, the bank stated last night. The

suspension has been in force since Franklin announced the passing of a dividend payment on May 12.

Officials at the bank, the 20th largest bank in the United States, have reiterated in the last few weeks that a revised statement on its first-quarter operations would be published soon.

This statement, however, will have to get clearance from the investigating federal agencies before being published. The suspicions of fraud have, apparently, made publication considerably more complicated.

The *Wall Street Journal* also reported that Franklin has started to borrow funds from the 11 other big banks which form the New York Clearing House Association. The lendings, made under considerable pressure from the Fed, are said to total \$250m (about £107m).

Federal funds are being lent to Franklin against collateral. These interbank borrowings are a substitute for the direct loans to Franklin by the New York Fed, which in recent weeks are believed to have totalled close to \$1,200m.

Fresh surge foreseen in societies' net receipts

The Building Societies Association is expected to announce a major improvement in building society net receipts for May. After the very poor start to the year, net receipts began to pick up sharply in April and are expected to have been in the order of £30m to £100m last month.

Although this improvement is enabling societies to increase their rate of lending, which has risen by as much as 25 per cent in some cases, it is a far cry from the days (only a year ago) when the societies were pulling in over £200m in net receipts each month.

And it explains why the association has still been considering the possibility of taking up another £100m loan from the Government.

This was one of the main items on the association's agenda at its meeting yesterday. The situation at the moment is that societies have borrowed in two monthly instalments, £200m from the Government at an interest rate of 10.5 per cent.

The arguments for and against taking the next tranche of £100m from the Government are fairly evenly balanced. Mortgage funds are still considerably lower than demand, but against this must be considered the pressure on margins caused by the terms of the loans, coupled with the fact they will have to start being repaid in September.

Gas conversions to be completed by mid-1976

More than 90 per cent of all gas consumers—nearly 12 million out of nearly 13.5 million—will be using natural gas by the end of March, when four of the 12 British gas regions will have completed their conversion programmes.

British Gas said yesterday that the programme was expected to be completed by the middle of 1976. Last year (1973-74) more than 2.5 million conversions were completed, bringing the total to 10.22 million.

Last year, the statement said, more than 10,000 million therms of natural gas were supplied to customers direct.

Steel disruption: Labour disputes at a number of plants operated by the British Steel Corporation last month seriously disrupted the steel industry's recovery from the effects of the three-day week.

The latest production figures, covering both the state-owned and private sectors, show that United Kingdom production last month averaged 441,300 ingot tonnes a week, 4 per cent below the figure for the previous month.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The costly lessons of Meriden

From Mr Hugh Palin
Sir, Mr Leslie Huckfield's letter (June 12) underlines how easy it is to be on the sidelines and urge on the players—without responsibility. Such gratuitous exhortations are grudgingly accepted if they come from experts, but unhappily Mr Huckfield's comments seem usually to reveal his ignorance of the motorcycle scene.

I am deeply sorry for the small number of ex-Triumph employees still picking at Meriden, for they seem to believe that they only have to sit tight and a profitable business with secure jobs will fall into their laps.

May I first correct a number of errors of fact and significant omissions from Mr Huckfield's letter?

(1) He refers to the decision of March 1973 by the Minister, Mr Chataway, to invest £4.8m of public money in a reconstituted British motorcycle industry. He omits, however, to mention also the following fundamental facts:

- (a) That this investment was necessary as a rescue operation for Triumph, which had lost £16m in four years and was hopelessly insolvent;
- (b) That the Norton Villiers parent company (Manganese Bronze) invested a like sum;
- (c) That there were a number of reasons for the failure, and eventual collapse of Triumph/BSA, one of which was undoubtedly the poor performance of Meriden in recent years;
- (d) And, finally, that the rescue plan, prepared urgently by experts and requiring the closure of Meriden and the concentration of British motorcycle production at Small Heath and Wolverhampton, was fully agreed by the DTI.

(2) Mr Huckfield states that "Meriden was making three-quarters of British motor-

cycle output". This is simply not true. The Triumph/BSA Group was certainly responsible for about two-thirds of total British motorcycle production in recent years, but this was a joint operation between Small Heath and Meriden, the former making a substantial proportion of the components. As the final assembly line was at Meriden, the origin of this misconception is clear.

(3) Mr Huckfield states that a consultant's report in 1971 recommended the concentration of production at Meriden rather than Small Heath. This is not the full story. The Triumph/BSA company paid out a vast sum of money for a professional consultant's report in 1970, and this advised almost precisely the same course as NVT and the DTI decided upon in 1973 (without any knowledge of the previous recommendation), i.e. to close Meriden. Unhappily BSA chose to ignore this advice, with disastrous results. Mr Huckfield's reference is I think to subsequent advice given in 1971 by a firm of accountants.

It is not possible to cover all aspects of this sorry business in a letter, but perhaps I can at least summarise the salient facts, for on one thing I agree wholeheartedly with Leslie Huckfield—there are certainly lessons to be learned.

(a) After the closure decision, as long ago as October 1973, Mr Huckfield himself first put forward the idea that the men should be allowed to buy the factory and run it independently. NVT raised no objection. Mr Huckfield asked for time to prepare a plan and raise the necessary finance. This was agreed.

(b) The men, however, chose to seize the company's assets at Meriden, and subsequent negotiations were bedevilled by being conducted by the men from a "hitler's" position and by NVT under duress. Instead of in a rational commercial atmosphere.

(c) Eight months and several "ulcers" later we are still waiting,

under growing concern over our own work if shareholders and not taking a firm. Whatever red herring, and without in detail are fruit seems clear that a grant is the men's NVT continues to deny.

Mr Huckfield has ordinary notions motorcycle trade. Factory of Geoff Dr Hallwood", he says earth have Geoff as to deserve being. This argument—fairly as their successes were ex Nortons?

To conclude on a note, NVT will put in the way of the operative provided. Do not prejudice the master-plan for re British motorcycle which is already we. But we must keep proportion and rer the number of men making at Meriden. small indeed, will employ 3,000 at. and Wolverhampton must surely study to be learned from agonising time men.

During this time men have been suffering nation (motorcycle e by 75 per cent), the company, and the 17 has suffered a blow if may take years to.

May I ask Mr Huckfield suggest what we the credit side of sing balance sheet anything at all? Will co-sponsors pick up Yours sincerely,

HUGH PALIN,
A Director,
Norton Villiers Triu
1 Love Lane,
London, EC2.

Mr Benn intervenes in Meriden dispute

By Clifford Webb
Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, has asked Mr Dennis Poore, chairman of Norton-Villiers-Triumph, and leaders of the workers' cooperative occupying the company's Meriden motor cycle works to meet him.

It is understood the two sides will then be told the Cabinet's decision on the cooperative's application for financial assistance to buy the £7m plant.

Mr Benn has already announced government support in principle for state aid at Meriden, and the 200 workers who have been occupying the plant for the past nine months are convinced that he has at last found a formula acceptable to his ministerial colleagues.

The Cooperative Union has provided the Triumph workers with a draft set of rules for the running of a workers' cooperative.

Management guidance is being provided by Mr Geoffrey Robinson, managing director of Jaguar and a close friend of Mr Benn. He is leading the workers' negotiating team.

Protracted negotiations with NVT will still be necessary even if the Cabinet agrees to provide the money. Mr Poore is expected to tell Mr Benn he is not prepared to enter into further talks with the cooperative "under duress".

He will insist on the immediate release of the £7m worth of completed machines which the cooperative is holding at Meriden.

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Italy denies 'fantasy' of foreign loans report

Rome, June 13. — Signor Emilio Colombo, the outgoing Italian Treasury Minister, said that rumours of foreign loans being prepared in favour of Italy, are at this time, "creations of fantasy or hope".

In an interview with the newspaper *Corriere della Sera*, he said: "I've certainly heard them at, but neither the EEC nor individual major countries are prepared to grant loans if we do not begin to help ourselves."

He said that even the Washington agreement in principle on revalued gold being used to contract loans between central banks, indicated that trust was a prerequisite of such arrangements.

Signor Colombo claimed that problems within the Centre-Left coalition, and with the unions, were certainly difficult because the economic situation was as tough as it had ever been.

He defended his stance in the

recent discussions on credit and fiscal policy, which preceded the fall of the government on Monday.

"When monetary reserves are running down, day by day, and price increases are accelerating out of control," he went on, "the Treasury Minister must be firm in pointing out 'and opposing everything he considers may increase these dangers'."

Washington, June 13.—Dr Guido Carli, the Italian Central Bank governor, said Italy never considered pledging its gold as collateral against loans raised on the international money markets.

He was commenting on reports from Switzerland that an arrangement was under way whereby Italy would pledge its gold reserves as collateral at \$150 an ounce for large amounts of internationally-organized credit. "We have never considered it," he affirmed.

£50m contracts for oil-fired power station

By Kenneth Owen
Orders worth more than £50m for the Central Electricity Generating Board's new oil-fired power station at Littlebrook, Kent, were announced yesterday.

Three 660-megawatt turbo-generators worth about £40m are to be supplied by GEC; a contract valued at £10.5m has been placed with Cleveland Bridge and Engineering for the supply and erection of structural steelwork; and circulating water pumps worth about £1m are to be supplied by Gwynnes Pumps.

Construction of the £200m station, known as Littlebrook D, received government approval last summer, and a contract for the boilers was placed with Clarke-Chapman-John Thompson in November. But the Government asked the CEGB to suspend the placing of further contracts

Shell signs deal for Libya crude

The Royal Dutch/Shell Group, whose holdings in the Oasia consortium in Libya have been nationalized, announced in London yesterday that it had reached a full settlement with Libya on all outstanding issues.

A spokesman said Shell now had unrestricted access to Libyan oil "on a normal commercial basis". A contract to lift oil from July 1 had already been signed.

Compensation for Shell assets in Libya that were nationalized are to be in the form of a discount per barrel under the new contract, but Shell declined to disclose the amount.

Nationalization in Libya was not unexpected in the oil industry after Shell refused participation offers under which it would have had to cede 51 per cent of its holdings to Libya. Before the restrictions imposed by Libya, Oasia had a production figure of 47 million tons.

British Petroleum has also been in discussion with Libya

for some time in a bid to reach a settlement of its claims against the country, and it said yesterday that talks were continuing.

Libya nationalized BP's interests in 1971. They included the company's 50 per cent interest in the Sarir oil field.

The French oil companies of Elf and Aquitaine are reported in Libya to have reached agreement with the Government to spend \$45m (about £19.5m) on onshore and offshore oil exploration in Libya over the next four years.

It was reported in New York yesterday that Saudi Arabia may acquire full ownership of Arabian-American Oil (Aramco) in negotiations due to start in mid-July on a final settlement of Aramco ownership.

According to Saudi Arabian sources, this week's agreement raising Saudi's holding to 60 per cent from 25 per cent is not the final settlement wanted by the country since the end of the Arab oil

embargo against the United States, Aramco has been allowed to produce 8.5 million barrels a day under the old 25 per cent agreement.

Under the new deal, it is expected that the Libyan Government may offer a larger amount for direct sales, and this could bring down the market price for Saudi crude below the posted price of \$11.55 a barrel for light crude, in effect since January.

Brazilian find: Brazil has found oil deposits in the northern coastal state of Rio Grande do Norte, which can produce 50,000 barrels a day, or 25 per cent of all oil currently produced by Brazil. Imports account for 80 per cent of the country's petroleum needs, according to AP-Dow Jones.

Japan stockpiles: The Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry is working out a five-year plan to boost Japan's oil stockpiles to a 90-day supply by the end of the 1979 financial year, ending March 1980, reports Reuters.

Productivity at the ports

From Mr A. G. Robinson
Sir,—On May 25 your Shipping Correspondent reported the criticism by leading shipping lines of the rate of loading and discharging general cargo in British ports. As managing director of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority, I can say that we handle general cargo at a rate in terms of tonnes per day which certainly matches—and often exceeds—the performance of our continental competitors.

There are other quite large ports in Britain with productiv-

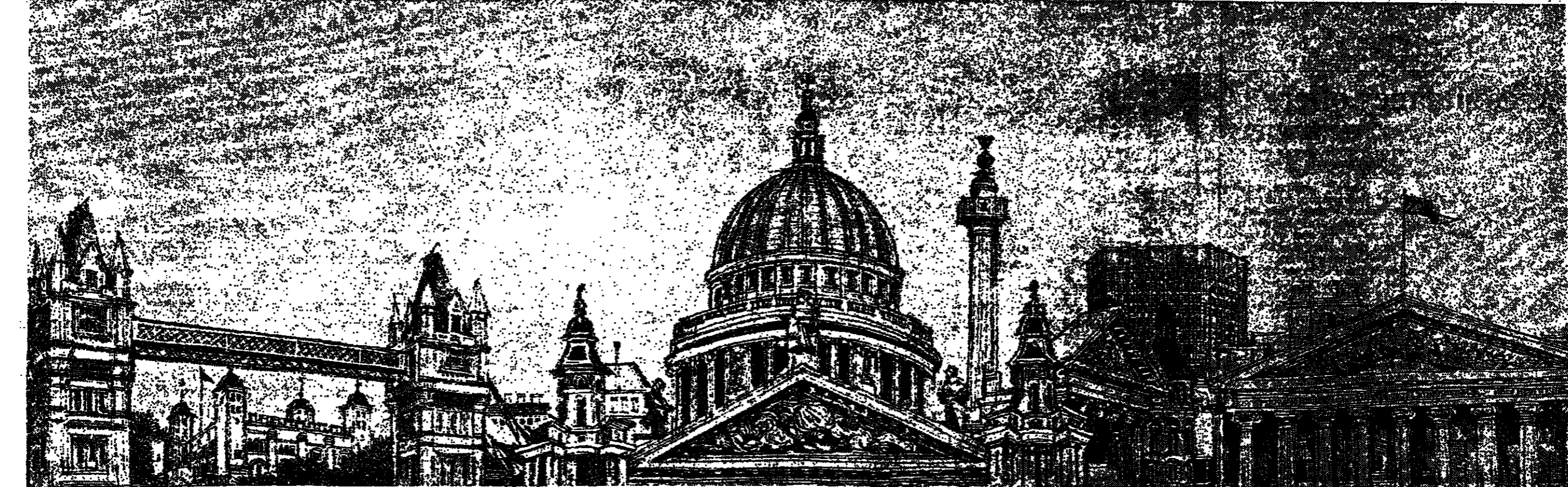
ity as high as the best continental ports. So it is unfortunate that the reported statements of shipowners should suggest that all British ports perform as badly as the few which attract the adverse publicity.

However, no British port can compete with the charges in continental ports because they are subsidised and we are not. Yours faithfully,

A. G. ROBINSON,
Tees & Hartlepool Port Authority,
Queens Square,
Middlesbrough,
Yessite.

Academics earning pot

From Mr L. J. Brook
Sir, As a lecturer education who is tiring colleagues state they could earn in applaud the sentiment Cook (June 4) . . . they go and earn it, I Yours faithfully,
L. J. BROOKS,
"Russell",
London Road,
Black Notley,
Braintree, Essex.



A message of welcome to London from Eurobraz to three VIP's

Our new Shareholder

Eurobraz was established as a joint venture by five major international banks: Banco do Brasil S.A., Bank of America Limited, Banque Paribas S.A., Deutsche Bank A.G., and Union Bank of Switzerland.

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We welcome the addition of their expertise and resources to an already successful team.

Our new Chairman

Dr. Angelo Calmon de Sá, President of Banco do Brasil S.A., was elected a Director and Chairman of the Board of European Brazilian Bank Limited at our Board Meeting held in London on 13th June, 1974.

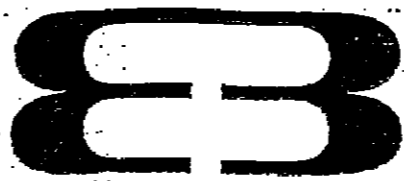
In bidding gratitude and farewell to Dr. Nestor Jost, we should like to extend a warm welcome to our new Chairman.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

China Clays picks up pace again



Lord Abercromby, chairman of English China Clays: no slackening of demand

... that after a static half last year English clays would be struggling to keep up with the current demand for end-September. It was not appreciated that the extent to which ECC offers from the shortage and its high price and a three-day week at the margins were under survey. Stock market was heavy but after the opening six months had proved optimistic energy problems and working cost. ECC the £2m fall in interim that it is reasonable to at least some of this to be made up in the six months, particularly comparable period was very short and working cost. ECC was forced to substantially the production-high-margin speciality favour of the lower margin. That, despite heavy rainfall, diverted electricity supplies ductive work permitted 10 per cent of normal. All these problems have been at home and have been increased and shows no sign of slack-through ECC's foreign exports who take 75 to 80 per cent of output to be the 25 to 40 per cent of total in favour of end of Kingdom. ECC's quarries division, holding its own in spite a road expenditure and a high rates of interest mortgages the building have facilitated a sound sales in private home getting their share of thorty business.

Closed door in recent weeks, there should be no surprise that the study shows the institutions so predominant in shifts last month. In short, despite the perennial questions about whether the small man will ever come back to the market, there can be no doubt that the mix of a broker's business, between institutions and private clients is very different in bull and bear phases. And that means that the outcome of the full survey next month should be treated with some caution.

Arthur Lee
Buoyant demand

... prospective looks to be a little over despite a 4.7 per cent rise in shares at 53p are to look interesting again: 1973-74 (1972-73) Capitalization £76.6m (£69.1m) Sales £49.1m (£49.1m) Pre-tax profits £7.6m (£9.7m) Dividend 2.5p (1.13p)

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... selling out of how far one dominates the stock of no small importance, it matters to their price movements are of a large number of decisions or of a small of large decisions. If, as Exchange's first study the institutions are re in control than most, a market might one to that market, the longer view than hitherto it make inevitable the of a two-tier market on erican model? Does the some one in which the can no longer come their right to be a disillu- let seller? e these questions are however, the premise to be established. The idy does not establish it, seems unlikely that the survey will do it satisfactorily. First, the study was ed only to those firms are represented on the exchange Council. These he bigger firms have a natural bias institutional investors and progressively dis- d small private clients, significant in this respect re than half the value of dealings by country was non-institutional, a natural bias to redress the balance in of private client business. d, it is a common feature markets that buying by investors shrivels and dies, institutions, whatever the of the market remain under the pressure of ash inflows. With invest- in property, virtually a

A marked improvement at Arthur Lee was clearly on the cards given that the first half last year was badly hit by a six-week strike and that the new joint company with the British Steel Corporation was making a first-time contribution. But the range in a £0.22m increase to £1.49m at the pre-tax level could also be that the group was more successful in coping with raw material shortages than might have been expected. The huge jump in turnover reflects very buoyant demand throughout the group, with steel stockholding doing predictably well. Since Lee accounts for raw materials on a replacement basis at the interim stage, stock profits do not make their appearance until the second half. If orders continue at the present level the surplus here could prove substantial and although manpower and material shortages are still causing trouble, it would be surprising if last year's pre-tax figure of £2.1m is not bettered by a large margin. It is hard, however, to see how the fall in consumer demand can fail to work through to the profit and loss account next year, and it takes optimism to believe that demand from the engineering industry in general will hold up at the present rate. In view of the relatively low overseas content of p/s, a ratio of 1.4 and a yield not far short of 11 at 17p do not look particularly exciting at this stage of the cycle.

Interim: 1973-74 (1972-73)
Capitalization £5.6m (£5.2m)
Sales £21.2m (£12.5m)
Pre-tax profits £1.49m (£0.55m)
Dividend gross 0.52p (0.50p)

Cohen 600
In a seller's market

The market appeared rather disappointed with George Cohen 600 Group's final figures, although it was not clear that the interim rate of profits advance—95 per cent—could not be maintained throughout the year. Even so, a 40 per cent gain in the second half is respectable enough given that it compares with a period well into the steel cycle upturn. Cohen remain very much in a seller's market, as far as steel scrap and stockholding are concerned, and this is where 52 per cent (£3.54m) of profits came from last year. United Kingdom scrap demand continues to exceed supply and the same goes for general demand on stockholders. True, Cohen is denied higher overseas prices for scrap by the official restrictions on exports but these are due to lapse at the end of December. Whether restrictions will be renewed and whether demand will remain buoyant into 1975 remains to be seen. Meanwhile Cohen is able to buy foreign coiled steel and is one of the few operators able to turn it into plate (and good profitably).

Final: 1973/74 (1972/73)
Capitalization £16.5m (£13.8m)
Sales £103.1m (£77.8m)
Pre-tax profits £5.69m (£3.54m)
Earnings per share 5.6p (4.1p)
Dividend gross 4.13p (3.94p)

Tunnel Cement
Cash in hand

Things went from bad to worse for Tunnel Cement last year. First, half trading was hit by strike action and interim pre-tax profits managed a small improvement only by dint of an exceptional boost in associated company earnings plus increased income from the group's bulging cash balance. In the second half the three-day week took its toll of the cement side, resulting in a drop of a half in trading profits. Associated companies fared no better in the final six months of the year, either, with a contribution of £390,000 lower at £105,000. One hopeful sign for the current year is the 22 per cent increase in selling prices granted the group in mid-May, which will help recoup part of a hefty rise in costs that has had some areas running into the red for part of the year. But the group appears to be taking a pessimistic line on the chances of an autumn recession and its inevitable impact on construction. Current year earnings will benefit from a first-time contribution from Naira Williamson, but it looks as if hopes for a speedy recovery in trading profits are premature. Nevertheless, cash and quoted investments (even after an extraordinary loss of nearly £1m established for tax purposes in a "bed and breakfast" operation) accounting for over half the present market capitalization, there is some support for the shares, at 105p, on a p/s ratio (excluding exceptional profits) of 5.3.

Final: 1973/74 (1972/73)
Capitalization £12.1m (£10.5m)
Sales £35.5m (£30.5m)
Pre-tax profits £4.6m (£5.0m)
Earnings per share 19.3p (21.3p)
Dividend gross 11.025p (10.5p)

Business Diary: GM's European eyes and ears

... Motors, the giant American corporation, has had to net a bevy of high-end Europeans, including Michael Clapham, the man who the GM to serve a new General Motors Advisory Council. The unique council, which the ans see as a display of awareness of the need more sensitive to Europe, is, consists of leading national and industrialists as three General Motors executives. The chairman is Alex Rhea, chairman and managing of GM's British subsidiary. Other members include Sir Michael Clapham, chairman of the German company Bayer; Robert E. Hils, economic consultant emeritus professor of the City of Paris; Roger L. n, chairman of the French union material group agnic de Saint-Gobain-Mousson; Mogens Pagh, nan of the East Asiatic n, the Danish shipping n; Rouben Iken, GM's vice-president; and es Murphy, the vice-chairman.



Richard Gerstenberg, head of a top-flight team, contains an admirably simple source and use of funds statement. Shareholders, who received their own less colourful version some weeks ago, will probably find hard to do, for the latest edition contains some delightful cartoons by Chic Jacob featuring the Laporte tea lady. She spends her time imparting such wisdom as, "So that's what they do with 1102", and trundling across Laporte's Australian division with a trolley full of that traditional antipodean comfort, Posters Lager. But, judging from some of their reactions, Laporte's employees are a fairly serious minded bunch. One of them would have preferred pictures of factories to the cartoons, while several were concerned about the cost of producing the report, reckoning the "sainy" would be better spent on providing a beer and bun evening for the workers. One young woman from the group's Redhill office remarked: "To try and give the impression that the tea ladies are going on is false." From that example of shop-floor egalitarianism let Mr Benn take comfort.

Battle lines

Whether by design or fortune, the motor industry is going into an expected battle against the Labour Government to prevent more public ownership with the country's toughest champion of private enterprise at its helm. Sir Raymond Brookes, 65-year-old chairman of GKN was yesterday, elected president of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, thus becoming the acknowledged spokesman for the industry and leader of its negotiating team to meet the Government.

Neverland

The Treasury announced yesterday that its "monthly report on the economic situation will henceforward be published nearer the end of the month as this will enable more up-to-date information to be included". Our Economics Editor points out that even more up-to-date information still could be included if the monthly report were published near the end of the next month or indeed near the end of the year, the decade, the century or the millennium. Anyway, what makes next week's information next week more up-to-date than this week's information this week? Answer: calling it last week's information. This story dated yesterday is thus a scoop, although today it is not and yesterday it was not.

How Graduates must adapt to changing job prospects



Students in the sun at Sussex: the present euphoria over graduate employment prospects could evaporate very quickly.

Three years ago the graduate employment graph hiccupped violently, company recruitment officers put up the shutters and large numbers of highly qualified young men and women found themselves being a path straight from the lecture theatre to the dock queue. The warning is not that 1975 will be a bad year, simply that the employment equation has become much more complicated these days and that nothing should be taken for granted. The market is very active this year, says Mr Holloway. "We thought to the 1975 graduates and I just would not like at this stage to be optimistic about that. 1971 went sour in a matter of about four weeks round about the Rolls-Royce crash." In the same token, the boom in 1973 overtook the university employment services very quickly in the six weeks from the beginning of March. Appointments officers are now carefully noting the signs: a drop in enquiries about a recession in world trade, the edging of Italy towards the brink of bankruptcy; doubts about the future of the EEC. What these trends should do is to alert both students and employers to the possibility—and it is no more than that at the moment—that the next 12 months could see a further turpound in the employment situation. Most graduates undoubtedly have learned a lesson from the 1971-72 jobs slump, but only the prospect of another recession will make it possible to judge whether the lesson has been taken in on a wide enough front. It is easy to talk about responsible attitudes to graduate programming during the good years. Now, three years after the graduate market took its first real nosedive, some of the effects are beginning to be felt—and they are disturbing. One of the most significant trends has been the radical change in attitudes to employment by a growing number of graduates. But, as Mr Putt says: "A substantial minority are coming much later to the job scene." The number of non-science students who left the University of East Anglia last year not knowing what they were going to do was 16 per cent and the authorities noted a growing number deliberately seeking work "best described as temporary". Within this group are a small but increasing proportion who are simply opting out altogether. Employers are becoming increasingly aware of the considerable change in attitudes which has taken place among students over the past few years and some of the more progressive are trying to come to terms with it. As one major employer put it earlier this week: "I think there are many young people very concerned about the social conscience. It is not only what we make, but how we make... A lot of

young people are very worried that industry is not socially desirable—it's a dirty word. But whether the solution is simply an invitation to 'come in and help us change it' is questionable. Too often that sort of attitude seems little more than a simplistic come-on and perhaps even a prescription for disaster as the new recruit becomes progressively more disillusioned. The dilemmas faced in the industrial and commercial field are only part of the picture. Difficulties are also emerging in, for example, the recruitment of graduate teacher trainees. In the long term, the major problem is going to be helping the graduate to readjust to very much changed prospects. This was spelled out last month by the Department of Employment's document, Employment Prospects for the Highly Qualified. The problem, in essence, is that by the 1980s the proportion of the working population with degrees or equivalent professional qualifications will grow from around 900,000 now to about 1.4m—something like 6 per cent of the total workforce. This must mean that, in future, graduates may have to aim lower. The report's suggestion of graduates going into nursing, clerical or secretarial work was naturally seized upon as the most graphic example, but other non-traditional areas which may have to be explored include small business management, technician-status jobs and executive grades in the public service. The way in which appointments officers, company recruiters and the students themselves deal with the difficulties at present being encountered in the system may well indicate whether they are equipped to deal with this far more intractable problem in the next decade.

Malcolm Brown

Cutting transport costs by mobile phone

Replacing the business journey by a business telephone call is one way of saving fuel. This has been true for many years, but oil shortages and price increases have served to sharpen the competition between transport and communication.

In the past, this competition has been more a philosophical debating point than a real fact of life. As international telecommunications channels were multiplying with the advent and proliferation of communication satellites, for example, international air transport also was growing year by year.

Now that fuel is more expensive and supplies are less certain, the picture has changed. Spoken for by the telecommunications industry have wasted little time in pointing out that many things transport can do they can do better, and one of the spokesmen—John Brinkley, managing director of Rediffon Telecommunications—has taken the argument a significant step further.

In a paper presented at the Communications 74 conference in Brighton last week, Mr Brinkley argued that not only can telecommunications help to cut out unnecessary journeys—provided the service is good enough—but the use of mobile radiotelephony can make a further contribution by improving the utilization of motor vehicles generally.

Both approaches are needed, he emphasizes, since the potential savings are huge. In Britain, the costs of running the country's 16.5 million motor vehicles (excluding manpower costs) are estimated at £6,000 a year; this saving of only 1 per cent could represent £60m.

He is out of touch with his organization for the entire period of the journey, and this intellectual isolation may represent a large part of his working day.

Radiotelephone communication has come to be essential for police, fire-service and ambulance vehicles. A growing number of public utility and public transport vehicles are being fitted with radiotelephones. It has been found that, because of the more effective use of vehicles which is possible, four radio-equipped vehicles can often do the work of five without.

About 200,000 vehicles in Britain are so equipped at present, and the number is increasing at about 15 per cent a year. But this represents only about 1 per

cent of the total, and consists predominantly of large fleets of vehicles which use private radio systems with a transmission radius of no more than about 20 miles.

This situation leaves unfranchised, in Mr Brinkley's words, a huge class of potential users: the individual who does not want his own main station, who needs a radius greater than 20 miles, or who requires service in many areas or nationwide.

Such users may wish to talk to many widely separated business locations and may frequently want to talk to his own or other people's homes. He will almost certainly want to talk into the public telephone network. None of this is possible with private systems.

Mobile radio (and radio paging) can make a significant contribution to transport efficiency and oil economy in Europe, Mr Brinkley concludes. But public radiotelephone services are "grossly undeveloped" in Europe at present.

If mobile radio is to develop to its full potential for transport economy and fuel saving", he says, "it must move out of its present limited development phase of the private local system, into a broader phase of development in which the individual user can be served over wide areas and eventually over the entire country, with full access to the public telephone network."

Kenneth Owen

EAST MIDLAND ALLIED PRESS

"The consistently excellent record of rising sales of our publications will form the basis of our future growth when the present environment changes for the better."

Mr. Frank Rogers, Chairman, in his statement to shareholders contained in the Annual Report and Accounts. He also made the following points:

- Company's confidence in the future of regional newspapers and its chosen fields of magazine publishing and retailing remain undiminished.
- At a time when a number of the largest publishing houses in the country are finding it increasingly difficult to operate profitably, the group's main problem remains the vagaries and unfairness of the Government's pricing policy. The Board pursued the wise policy in the late 1960s of investing in new technologies. This had the effect of temporarily reducing profits. However, the company now finds itself penalised under the Prices and Incomes Code because of the substantial investment made at that time.
- It was particularly pleasing that advertising in the company's specialist publications remained remarkably buoyant in spite of the national economic problems which affected revenue on national and provincial newspapers. March figures were in fact a record which has since been surpassed.

Extract from Profit and Loss Account:

	53 Weeks to 30.3.74	53 Weeks to 31.3.73
TURNOVER	8,108,109	6,768,964
TRADING PROFIT	1,791,192	1,080,860
less depreciation	311,043	213,932
Investment income	880,149	866,918
	54,757	34,566
Profit before taxation	934,908	901,483
TAXATION	506,675	380,647
Net Profit	428,231	520,836

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts are available from The Secretary, East Midland Allied Press Limited, 41 Broadway, Peterborough PE1 1RY.

Siemssen Hunter

THE TOBACCO AND EDUCATION GROUP

	1973	1972	1971
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Turnover	11,045	9,731	7,495
Pretax profit	637	503	241
Extraordinary Profits, less Tax	193	-	-
Profit attributable	495	289	167
Earnings per share	7.26p	7.20p	4.63p
Dividend (gross equivalent)	2.415p	2.30p	2.16p

"Despite the difficult period through which the economy is passing, the Directors anticipate that both sectors of the Group's activities will reflect a satisfactory improvement in 1974."

Robert J. Freeman, Chairman

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Better prices help Guthrie Corp to record £8.7m

In spite of a lower rubber output, the Guthrie Corporation expected to turn in a much better result for 1973 on the strength of better prices, and this hope has been realized. Taxable profits are a full 55 per cent higher at a record £8.7m.



Sir Maurice Laing, deputy chairman of John Laing & Son: braced for a harsh climate at home and abroad.

J-Laing has bumper workload of £300m

The volume of work in hand by the John Laing contracting group at the end of May reached a record £300m with £50m of it overseas.

Citroën heads for deficit and again passes dividend

When the Citroën group said that it would not be paying a dividend for 1973 the outlook appeared gloomy, and now shareholders have been told to expect a deficit this year and the dividend will again be passed.

Algoma Steel rebuffs offer from CanPac

Algoma Steel Corporation has turned a cold shoulder to an approach from Canadian Pacific Investments, the chairman, predicted that in spite of the likely downturn in the domestic construction market later on, group profits should be held steady.

In his annual statement to the accounts last month Sir Kirby Laing, the chairman, predicted that in spite of the likely downturn in the domestic construction market later on, group profits should be held steady.

Leyland Paint upset

Three months ago Leyland Paint & Wallpaper's chairman saw the three-day week lay-offs actually benefiting the company's sales.

Stock markets Heavy selling of gilts

London stock markets were badly unsettled yesterday by the announcement of another record United Kingdom trade deficit in May. Both fixed interest and equity sections turned off after the news.

Issues & Loans

Wheelock shares for the Mardens

Wheelock Marden is issuing 5.4m "A" shares and 8.5m "B" shares to Winston Securities Corporation as payment for loans wholly owned by the Marden family.

Speculative offer

Oil & Gas Exploration, an Irish company, is offering to sell 50 per cent of its shares to a consortium of investors.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

Table listing Eurobond prices for various countries and maturities, including columns for country, maturity, and price.

Briefly

- HOTLYN CORP: Talks with major shareholders which might have led to offer to company have been terminated. SIEMSEN HUNTER: Board expects education and tobacco sectors of business to continue satisfactory growth.

Cent Prov Tea to link with GCI

In a proposed agreed deal, involving a total market capitalisation for the joint equities of just over £1m, Central Province Ceylon Tea Holdings and Grand Central Investment Holdings, are to merge.

Boost for Hambros

Including a sharply increased contribution from Hambros Bank, Hambros Ltd reports net profit for the year to March 31 of £5.69m, compared with £5.7m.

Royal Ins confident

In his latest statement as chairman of Royal Insurance, Sir Paul Chambers says the group is in a strong financial position with substantial free reserves in addition to insurance funds.

Warren Tea

Warren Tea (Holdings) have further increased their stake in O. C. Summers (Holdings), the London-based civil engineering contractor, to 10,000 shares.

Laporte advertisement featuring the company name in large letters, a timeline of 1973-1974 performance, and a statement from Mr. John Harvey, Chairman, regarding the annual meeting.

Pressure on Sangers

Including newcomer Evans, Gadd, taxable profit of Sangers, wholesale chemists, met a set-back in 1973-74 from £1,560,000 to £1,470,000.

Tobenoil record

With a rise of 23 per cent, Tobenoil has achieved a further record pre-tax profit for 1973-74 of £543,000.

Chown Securities

Net rental income at Chown Securities is up from £35,000 to £23,500 in the first half, and dealing profits are £27,000.

Mining

Anglovaal Group sharply higher

All the Anglovaal Group companies with the exception of Anglo-Transvaal Collieries had sharply higher profits for the year ending June 30.

Wall Street table listing various stock prices and market indicators, including columns for company names and prices.

MARKET REPORTS

Foreign exchange

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Commodities

Base metals lost further ground on the London metal exchange yesterday. The price of copper fell 10 pence to 17.04 per cent from 16.80 per cent the previous day.

Discount market uneasy

Discount market passed a quiet session yesterday. An shortage of credit did not allow rates for the third day to fall to 2.29 per cent.

Forward Levels

Forward levels for sterling were steady. The three-month rate stood at 11.74 per cent.

Times Indices

Times Industrial Index rose 0.2% to 113.73. The All-Share Index rose 0.1% to 113.73.

Money Market

Money market was quiet. The three-month rate stood at 11.74 per cent.

osyndicat

osyndicat Euroshare price was 127.32. The index rose 0.1% to 127.32.

Bank Base Rates

Table of bank base rates for Barclays Bank, Hill Samuel, Hoare & Co., Lloyds Bank, etc.

Commodities

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Recent Issues

Table of recent issues including Black Arrow Co, British Overseas Airways, etc.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Large table listing authorized units, insurance, and offshore funds with columns for name, bid offer, and other details.

BUSINESS NOTICES

Investor: wishes to take up partnership in successful business. Capital available for expansion.

ADVERTISING & P.R.

Freelance Agent/Secretary: highest quality work. Excellent salary and benefits.

ENGLISH & FOREIGN HARDWOOD

Established 100 years approx. 70-80% stock. Mainly from Europe.

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DOMESTIC SITUATIONS

HOUSE-KEEPER/GOVERNESS REQUIRED IN ATHENS. Preferably experienced and mature for a live-in permanent job with family consisting of working mother and 3 children.

MARRIED COUPLE

Amateur musician and salary free wife. Husband to follow own occupation.

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London and Regional Market Prices

Weaker after trade figures

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, June 10 Dealings End, June 21 Contango Day, June 24 Settlement Day, July 1 Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

valuers of industrial properties Weatherall Green & Smith

BELL'S SCOTCH WHISKY More ye go

Main market data table with columns for various stock categories: BRITISH FUNDS, COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN, LOCAL AUTHORITIES, FOREIGN STOCKS, DOLLAR STOCKS, BANKS AND DISCOUNTS, BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL, FINANCIAL TRUSTS, INSURANCE, INVESTMENT TRUSTS, OIL, PROPERTY, RUBBER, TEA, MISCELLANEOUS, REGIONALS, SHIPPING, MINES.



COUNTRY PROPERTIES

NORFOLK/SUFFOLK
6 Properties for Sale by Auction on July 5th in Diss
A large unmodern house, Village, Ref. 274. About 29,000 expected.

COUNTRY PROPERTIES

KILTZEARN MANSE
EVANTON, ROSS & CROMARTY
For sale, detached house of character on stone tower.

COUNTRY PROPERTIES

HOLYPORT, BERKS.
Convenient M4
Period cottage in 2 1/2 acres, completely refitted.

LONDON AND SUBURBAN

MAYFAIR MEWS COTTAGE
Close to Berkeley Square. 3 rooms, kitchen and bathroom, 2 w.c.s, double garage, modernised to high standard.

NEW HOMES

Beautifully Appointed Flats
Middx Herts Borders
Dukes Lodge, Eastbury Avenue Northwood.

GENERAL VACANCIES

Royal Shakespeare Company
Public Affairs Office
Head of Promotions
To help plan and to undertake wide variety of in-house promotion.

COUNTRY PROPERTIES

WIDDINGTON, ESSEX
3 miles Stratford-upon-Avon. A fine Georgian residence standing in about 3 acres.

COUNTRY PROPERTIES

MARTIN & DIXON
Bognor Regis, Sussex
A select and elegant NEW DEVELOPMENT of four Georgian style houses.

COUNTRY PROPERTIES

SCOTLAND
SEMI-RETIREMENT - A small, fully equipped bungalow.

LONDON AND SUBURBAN

BELGRAVIA
IMMACULATE FAMILY HOUSE
Large south facing house, five floor garden and ground floor patio.

GENERAL VACANCIES

FOR SALE
A FREEHOLD FARM - KENT/SUSSEX BORDERS
15th Century brick and tiled farmhouse of 5 bedrooms, 3 reception rooms.

COUNTRY PROPERTIES

WATSONS
Bishops Cleeve, 2284.
17th century detached stone and tiled house in quiet position.

COUNTRY PROPERTIES

AUTHOR'S COTTAGE
CENTRAL ESHER
Large Georgian style three-story house with fitted kitchen/breakfast room.

COUNTRY PROPERTIES

HOVE
Bachelor Apartment, Ground Floor, modern built, immaculate condition.

LONDON AND SUBURBAN

RIVER-SIDE, TWICKENHAM
Looking across Marble Hill Park to river, ivy-clad, Edwardian semi-detached.

GENERAL VACANCIES

PROPERTY ABROAD
CENTRAL FRANCE - 19th Century house in a village in the heart of a lovely village.

COUNTRY PROPERTIES

RIVERSIDE BUNGALOW
Suburb on peaceful Thames bank with a new bungalow of character.

COUNTRY PROPERTIES

THREE MILE CROSS SOUTH OF READING
Large Georgian style three-story house with fitted kitchen/breakfast room.

LONDON AND SUBURBAN

EDGE OF HAMPSTEAD
Well fitted family house just for sale owing sudden death.

LONDON AND SUBURBAN

WOODCOCKS
11 St. George Street, London W1
Tel: 01-492 5411 anytime

GENERAL VACANCIES

PROPERTY ABROAD
CENTRAL FRANCE - 19th Century house in a village in the heart of a lovely village.

COUNTRY PROPERTIES

IDEAL THATCHED COTTAGE
VALE OF WHITEHORSE
14 acres London, 3 bed, 4 reception rooms, kitchen and bathroom.

COUNTRY PROPERTIES

NORFOLK
Superior modern detached Chichester on farmland, in quiet rural village.

LONDON AND SUBURBAN

WALK TO WESTMINSTER
or bicycle to Bank from superbly restored period house in charming well-kept terrace.

LONDON AND SUBURBAN

ASHLEY GARDENS, S.W.1
Ground floor flat with 2 large reception rooms, 4 large bedrooms, 2 bathrooms with w.c., plus separate w.c.

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ACCOUNTANT
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Women's Appointments also on page 29

GENERAL The London Chamber of Commerce and Industry 69 CANNON STREET, EC4N 3AB Recent girl graduate with Economics degree needed for Press Department

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THE ARCHITECTURAL ASSOCIATION SCHOOL BEDFORD SQUARE W.C.1

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PLEASE ring the Editor, Marjorie Cameron-Smith, 714 6710, office hours

S.R.N. REQUIRED for PRIVATE PRACTICE in W.I. Typing a necessity and other secretarial skills an advantage.

TRANSLATOR required to work in important company in LICHTENHEIM Please see advertisement in German under General Vacancies.

PORCELAIN Lady Assistant required for our showroom, 5 day week including alternate Saturdays mornings.

PHOTOGRAPHERS' AGENTS Looking for attractive, intelligent lady (16 to 20) to work in Central London office.

BOOK KEEPER required. Experience brought today, tidy, neat, accurate, good handwriting, able to handle a variety of work.

I AM A... your designer/writer seeking a P.A./Social Secretary (22-27) who must be accurate, well educated and free to travel abroad. Good salary.

INTERVIEWER 23-29, treated for W.I. specialist agency in advertising. Dealing with clients, preparing proposals and reports.

STUDENT GIRLS with or without typing, for simple temporary office work where no previous experience necessary. Ring Prospect Temp 01-629 1331.

RECEPTIONIST REQUIRED centrally for West Wimpole St. practice, 15-24, salary negotiable to £1,500 p.a. 486 1471.

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INTELLIGENT YOUNG WOMAN INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY IN MODERN OFFICES NEAR VICTORIA STATION REQUIRES AN INTELLIGENT SECRETARY WITH AN INTEREST IN COMPANY PROCEDURE AND ORGANISATION TO WORK FOR THE COMPANY SECRETARY.

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PERSONAL SECRETARY WE WANT A versatile secretary, both capable of using initiative and adaptable. We are an International Health Care Company in pleasant, modern offices, Oxford St., W.1.

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10 FEMALE INTERPRETERS required for international convention to be held in London for two weeks during November. Successful applicants will speak two or more languages and will stay in a London hotel for the two-week period.

SECRETARY/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT wanted to help with busy country house and family. Wide range of people necessary, including and including. Good salary, excellent benefits, pension scheme.

ADVERTISING P.A. As the P.A. to a Board Director of an international Agency you will be responsible for a wide range of administrative matters, including the company's female personnel. If you have good secretarial skills and are well organized, energetic and want to earn £3,500 gross per annum, apply to:

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PERSONAL COLUMNS

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Advertisement for W. T. Shepherd, listing various services and contact information.

DEATHS section containing obituaries for several individuals, including Mrs. M. J. Smith and Mrs. J. W. Jones.

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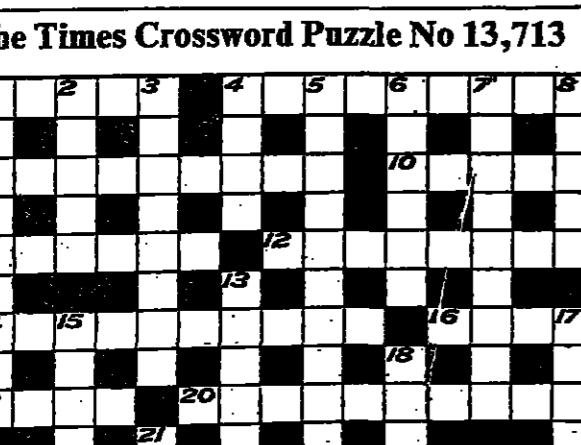
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The Times Crossword Puzzle No 13,713



Clues for the crossword puzzle, including 'Across' and 'Down' categories.

Competition No 3

Text for Competition No 3, including instructions and prize details.

Additional text for Competition No 3, including rules and contact information.

SELL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE

Advertisement for selling two birds with one stone, featuring a car.

Advertisement for a car, featuring 'VINTAGE T.S. DIESEL CRUISER'.

YACHTS AND BOATS

Advertisement for yachts and boats, listing various models and prices.

Advertisement for yachts and boats, continuing the list of models and prices.

ADVENTURE AIR

Advertisement for Adventure Air, offering flights to various destinations.

Advertisement for Adventure Air, continuing the flight offerings.

Large advertisement for 'HIGH & DRY' ready-dry detergent, featuring a bottle image and promotional text.